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THE SECRET!

What though the snow lies deep — and long!
The bright sunshine holds a secret song
That only God's little wild creatures hear,
And rejoice in its message — "Spring is near!"
(L.M.C.)

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"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"— WHENEVER IT IS!

FOR MOST PEOPLE in Canada, New Year's Day does fall on the first day of January—according to the Gregorian Calendar, this is the first day of the New Year! Some groups, however, for reasons which reach far back into the past, follow different methods of reckoning the beginning of the year. Many adherents of the Greek Orthodox and the Greek Catholic Churches follow the Julian Calendar in their religious observations, and this means that, for them, Christmas Day falls on January 7th, and New Year's Day is celebrated on January 14th.

The Chinese New Year's Day is usually in February, for the Chinese Calendar is based on the movements of the moon around the earth, which means that the Chinese New Year's Day is always the day of the first new moon, after the sun enters Aquarius. The Jewish New Year, however, comes in the Fall, and may have been, at one time, associated with a harvest festival. It is always observed on the first day of the seventh month of the Jewish Calendar—called "Tishri"—but, as the Jewish Calendar is also based on the moon, the Jewish New Year's Day may actually vary from September 6th to October 5th. This is called "Rosh Hashonoh", which means, literally, "head of the year."

Like all Jewish Festivals, Rosh Hashonoh begins in the evening, and is a truly religious occasion—a day when the conscience is examined, forgiveness sought, and prayers offered for all mankind. The solemn period of meditation is ushered in by the blowing of the ram's horn—the "shofar"—in the synagogue, for a whole month before Rosh Hashonoh has arrived. This horn has a loud piercing sound, and it was used in ancient Israel to call the people together, both in time of war and peace. For the Jewish people of today, it is a symbol of important events in their past history, of high ideals, and new hopes. In the homes, the beginning of a New Year is observed with a benediction, when at sundown the candles are lit. During the holiday, it is customary to eat apples, and other fruits, dipped in honey, while these traditional words are spoken—"May it be Thy will that this year shall be happy and sweet for us." New Year's greeting cards bearing the inscription, "May you be inscribed for a good year", are often exchanged.

Rosh Hashonoh is sometimes known as "the Day of Judgement". Jewish tradition visualizes a court of justice over which God sits enthroned to pronounce judgement on all people. Before Him lie the books in judgement on all people. Before Him lie the books in which the deeds of all men are inscribed. These are opened on Rosh Hashonoh, and judgement is passed. However, during the "Ten Days of Penitence", which begin with the first day of Rosh Hashonoh, and end with Yom Kipper, "The Day of Atonement", Jews may seek remission of punishment. Through prayer, charity, and repentance, their sins will be forgiven.

The traditional Chinese New Year was gay and noisy, with dragon dances in the streets, and the exploding of thousands of fire crackers. Nowadays, this type of celebration is tending to die out in the Chinese Canadian communities. Many of the younger people join in the general festivities held on January 1st, and the Chinese New Year is reserved mainly for family reunions. On these occasions, however, some of the old customs are retained. In most homes, a gay paper lantern hangs in the living-room to welcome visitors, and to cast its light down the path of the family's future.

Each member of the family wears something new for the festive dinner, which may be attended by as many as forty persons. Simple presents are often exchanged—usually special good luck delicaries, or coins wrapped in red paper, also a good luck token. Traditional New Year dishes include "cho-po-po", (meat dumplings) and "baak new que-chow", (one hundred birds come back to rest), which signifies the family reunion. Among friends and relatives cards are often exchanged, always bearing the old traditional greeting—"Good luck! In a mild kind wind, the bamboo grows tall. From the fresh snow, the first blossoms appear. Long life and happiness to you!"

Then, there are the Canadians of eastern European descent—the Ukrainians, Serbians, Macedonians, Armenians, Bulgarians, Russians and Byelorussians—these all celebrate New Year's Day on Jan. 14th. New Year's Eve is the time for parties and general merrymaking, just as on our Canadian New Year's Eve, and on the Day itself, families gather together for a festive dinner, which, besides their own national dishes, usually has the traditional turkey, or goose, and other familiar Canadian foods. In the smaller communities, children still keep alive the old custom of visiting relatives and friends, carrying with them handfuls of grain. The seeds which they throw into each house, as they enter, are supposed to bring good luck. If the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning is young and healthy, then it is said that health and prosperity will be with that family for the coming year.

The exchanging of gifts on New Year's Day was a well-known custom in Ancient Rome, and it still survives in modern France, Scotland, and those who have made Canada and other lands their home. This pleasant tradition came to Canada with the early French and Scottish settlers, and is especially practiced among the French Canadians. In the early days, the French Governors in Canada gave Receptions, or levees, on New Year's morning to which the men of the community were invited. In our own time, it is customary for the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, and many Mayors of Municipalities, to hold much the same type of public reception, still attended traditionally by men. Indeed, this French custom of holding public receptions on New Year's Day, has spread into many other parts of Canada. Still preserved in many French-Canadian families, is the lovely early French custom of the Father's New Year blessing. All the children and grand-children kneel before him, and the eldest son asks his Father to give the family his blessing. After this simple ceremony the festivities of the day begin.

For Scottish people, the New Year, or "Hogmanay" as it is called, is one of the most festive occasions of the whole year. One of the many traditions associated with "Hogmanay" is known as "first footing". The first person to set foot within the house, after the New Year begins, according to tradition, has an influence on the fortunes of the family for the year ahead—a dark man means good luck, but, whether dark or fair, if he brings a gift with him, a year of prosperity and happiness lies ahead for that household; if, however, he comes empty-handed he foretells a year of misfortune and poverty!

In the early days of the Red River Settlement in Manitoba, where French and Scottish predominated, the Indians round about always joined enthusiastically in the gay New Year's festival. To this day, many of the customs observed by the Metis in western Canada have come from their Indian, French, and Scottish ancestors. The traditional food served at these New Year's celebrations usually includes "beignes Croches", (twisted doughnuts) and "boulettes", (meat dumplings), while everyone, young or old, joins in dancing the Red River Jig, the Eight-Hand-Reel, or MacDonald's Reel.

The Japanese in Canada celebrate the traditional Japanese New Year, "Oshagatau", which falls on January 1st — a very old Japanese festival, which combines the hopes for a good New Year, with thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest. In Japan, the men spend the day making formal calls on relatives and close friends, to whom gifts are given, but in Canada, the womenfolk of the household usually go along with the men.

The special New Year's delicacies, which the women spend many hours in preparing, must be spread out in flower-like array, and ready to greet the first New Year's guest, who may arrive as early as 10 o'clock in the morning! Twelve hours later guests may still be in the house. Traditional New Year's dishes include octopus, raw tuna, and rainbow-hued codfish cakes, as well as food with special symbolical significance. For instance, a type of seaweed, known as "komba" is believed to ensure happiness in the coming year. Shrimps are served because they symbolize the hope that the visitor will live until his back is as bent as the Shrimp shell. Herring roe is traditionally supposed to guarantee a large and healthy family.

Midnight Mass, and Watch Night Services are held in many Churches on New Year's Eve, and many "see the New Year in" with prayer and meditation. On the stroke of midnight, Church bells mingle with factory whistles, sirens, and noise-makers in signalling the arrival of the New Year. Canadians of English background, especially those of older generations, often observe a very old custom when they return from Watch Night Service. A relative or friend, usually a man considered to be lucky, goes in the front door crying "New Year In!", as he throws open the doors of all rooms and cupboards. In the meantime, a member of the family throws some small article out the back door, to indicate that the Old Year has gone. Then the whole family sits down to a light meal of mincemeat pie, Christmas Cake and tea. Canadians of Lebanese descent, usually the children, visit relatives and friends, offering the old Arabic greeting, "Fowrie Ullaick", which means "Bounty Upon You!". According to age-old custom, whoever is first to extend this greeting must be given a small gift of money by the person who receives the greeting.

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FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

What shall we wish thee,
What can be found,
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
What is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
All through the year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect
Casting out fear;
These shall ensure thee
A happy year! (Selected)

PRAYER

by MRS. H. B. WALLACE

Hospital Visitor, Edmonton, Alberta

Most gracious God, by whose mercy we have come to the beginning of another year, grant that we may enter it with humble and grateful hearts. We thank Thee for the gift of life itself. Keep us mindful of the trust involved, and help us to use our time and talents wisely. Help us to remember that opportunities are fleeting, and may we have the grace to recognize and use them as they come.

Renew, daily, our joy in service, and enable us to meet all of life's variety — its joys with humility, and its sorrows with courage, giving thanks to Thee always, and for all things.

Oh, Heavenly Father, we beseech Thy blessing on all who labour in Thy vineyard — our Missionaries both at home and abroad, that they may be given insight into, and understanding of, the lives of their people, so that Thy Gospel may reach many hearts through their teaching and healing, and thus many more may be brought into Thy Fold.

May all who serve Thee, through the framework of our Churches, have wisdom to know; strength to do; patience to suffer; and courage to persevere in Thy service. May the youth of our Church, as they attend their several Organizations, be strengthened in character and become obedient to Thy will. Grant to all Ministers of the Gospel, the spirit of wisdom and love, that, in all their words and deeds, they may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy Kingdom.

Oh, Loving Father, we ask Thy peace upon the aged, the infirm, the sick, the suffering, and the bereaved. Be with each one, in healing and in comfort.

We ask that Thou would'st lead us into the New Year, strengthened by Thy Spirit, to do Thy good and perfect, and acceptable will. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

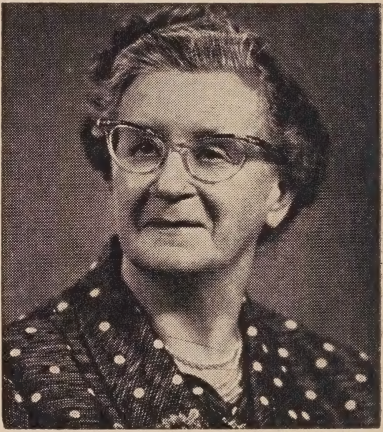
New Things

by MRS. A. S. CURR

I AM SURE that it has been delightful for all of us, during the Christmas Season, to watch the excitement and happiness in the faces of the children as they received their gifts. It was the joy of receiving something new. Everybody, whether they be children or adults, likes new things. They bring new pleasure and happiness into our lives.

Once again, the holy and joyous Season of Christmas has come and gone, with its happiness and surprises, and now we step into a New Year — a new gift from our Heavenly Father! In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read these words: — "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a *new thing*. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." (Revised Standard Version; Isaiah 43, 19.) These words, spoken so long ago by the prophet, come to us afresh at the beginning of a New Year.

They seem to say to us — "That which you think impossible, shall become possible." As we look through the months of 1964, our Anniversaries Year, what have we done to make the impossible become possible? Have we had a *Forward Look?* Have we kept faith with those we have sent forth in the name of the Prince of Peace? A book was recently published in Britain, entitled, "Backward Christian Soldiers." How does this apply to us, as we take stock of the past year? Are we going forward—or are we stepping back?



MRS. A. S. CURR

In her book, "Dr. Ida," Dorothy Clarke Wilson tells very vividly of the almost impossible task Dr. Ida Scudder faced in her work at Vellore, and in seeking new slogans this one stands out — "You have built! Will you maintain?" I think this applies very forcefully to our Women's Missionary Society

(W.D.), as we step forward into a New Year. *We have built — we have sent forth! — Will we maintain?*

It is again a very happy privilege for me to wish all of you a very, happy and blessed new year. I do so with the prayer that you will step into the year 1965 with a wider vision, and a faith that will make what seems impossible become possible. I would like to leave with you the following poem:-

Thoughts of The New Year

Let us walk softly, Friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all untrod.
The New Year, spotless from the hand of God,
Is thine, and mine, Oh Friend.
Let us walk softly, Friend!

Let us walk straightly, Friend;
Forget the crooked paths, behind us now;
Press on, with steadier purpose on our brow,
To better deeds, Oh Friend.
Let us walk straightly, Friend!

Let us walk gladly, Friend;
Perchance some greater good than we have known
Is waiting for us, or some fair hope, flown,
Shall yet return, Oh Friend.
Let us walk gladly, Friend!

Let us walk kindly, Friend;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,
How soon these precious years be over, past.
Let love walk with us, Friend.
Let us walk kindly, Friend!

Let us walk quickly, Friend;
Work with our might, while lasts our little day,
And help some halting comrade on the way.
And may God guide us, Friend.
Let us walk quickly, Friend!
(Author Unknown)

RECIPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Take 12 fine, full grown months. See that they are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are free from all the past.

This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up a whole batch at once but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put 24 parts of faith; 23 of patience; 20 of courage; 18 of work; 6 of prayer; 4 of meditation, and 1 well-thought-out resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, add these four parts — a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humour. — (Selected)

THE TREASURER SPEAKS

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1965, as set forth in the following pages, were studied and accepted by the delegates sent to Council in Montreal last May. They, therefore, now become the working objective, and the responsibility of each and every member to provide the requirements of the Society in all areas where we have workers.

All in attendance at the Anniversaries Celebration were inspired and challenged to go forward into the second century of service with renewed dedication to our Lord's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," and to uphold the Society whose one aim is "The World for Christ."

This was a mountain-top experience for those attending, but as one who was not there, like thousands of our members, I would commend to you the May issue, and the July - August issue, of the Glad Tidings, along with the "Anniversaries Packet" to supply a very real and lasting inspiration for, and dedication to, the working objectives of the Society in the years ahead, and to that of 1965 in particular.

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland
W.M.S. Treasurer

The sum estimated for the conduct of the work of the Society is $472,961, plus the separate Supply Estimate of $18,800. The first figure includes $34,493. for salary increases — a much needed, and long overdue, revision of the salary scale, especially for our workers in Canada, where the cost of living is the highest in the world. The new salary scale was passed unanimously.

We would hope that all the determination and dedicated zeal which accompanied the splendid results for the Anniversaries' projects would be continued in every year, so that the possibility of having to curtail the work of the Society does not hang over our heads. Ours is a continuing mission, growing more and more urgent both in Canada and Overseas in this topsy-turvy world in which we find ourselves today. Most of us want for very little, while millions are in need, even to being hungry.

We want, and have, the best for ourselves and our young folk, and seldom count the cost of the extra effort to get it — be it great or small. How then can we blithely state that we are doing "OUR BEST" for others, when, as a Missionary Society made up of Christian women, we have as yet failed to contribute an average of 25c per week per member to carry out the great command of our Lord — "Feed my sheep"? A child, in these days, has little regard for that amount. Neither will that amount suffice to carry us to a balanced budget. A few years ago it would have done so — and some to spare.

The sad and unfair fact of averages is that quite a percentage of our members have valiantly carried our Society forward by their dedication to the task before us, and covered for those who have not yet faced-up to the cost of our motto, "The World for Christ." Every aspect of spreading the word of Christ to-day costs money — each year more money — rising costs beyond our control, both at home and abroad, barely hold the line of present commitments. This does not take into account the constant calls upon us, even from the General Board of Missions of our Church— calls we would like to, and should, be answering which at present we can only keep on our hearts and in our prayers.

Part of our work will be curtailed during 1965, since the Funds from which specific calls could be answered are no longer available as such (Viz. — Special Fund) or nearly depleted (viz. The Peace Thanksgiving Fund). The Special Fund now contains the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund, the Maude McEachern Memorial Fund and the Katherine and Beatrice Gray Fund. These cannot be used except for the specific purposes for which they were given.

The Peace Thanksgiving Fund was raised after the war, as its name suggests. Having been authorized to spend up to $6,000.00, plus interest, each year, for the training of students and workers under specific policy terms, the fund is now almost depleted. Only a few hundred dollars are available for 1965. This Fund has done a fine piece of work over the years to carry on work not included in the budget of the Society (Annual Report - Page 23 - for 1963).

The Anniversaries' Book Fund is to be used primarily for training Staff of the Society, and will therefore only partially cover the categories previously assisted. (No definite policy re the spending of this Fund is yet established). This Fund will in the course of a few years also be used up.

This increased budget IS within our ability and our means. The thing is to get it into our hearts and minds, and keep it there in prayer for, and dedication to, the purpose for which the money is needed.

Each adult group will shortly receive an OBJECTIVE from its Presbyterial, which represents its SHARE of the 1965 Estimates. We have confidence and faith in the members of our Society, that they will accept this figure as a challenge worth their BEST efforts in every respect. Since allocations were abolished in 1955, many have been clamouring for a group figure that each might know its share of the budget. Now we have one again.

Those who have really tried Personal Commitment in their group, as outlined in 1956 under the Stewardship Plan, have long ago set a high standard for themselves and attained an individual and a group satisfaction which is beyond price. At this point, therefore, we have every opportunity to combine the two. Since the Group Objective includes an equal responsibility, for active and associate members alike, you will need to approach your task in some organized way. Haphazard giving will never reach the goal.

Personal or individual responsibility for a commitment, preferably on a weekly basis, is still the best way to gauge the potential of a group, and assure a good measure of success in reaching the Objective. If, after discussion, your group is interested in making use of the above idea I would be glad to hear from you. I could then offer some help in procedure, by outlining the steps, since space does not permit in this article. Not only is haphazard giving a weak effort, but haphazard sending to the respective treasurers causes untold worry and work in the Treasurer's office.

For your information:

1. At the end of the 1965 Estimates you will find a statement of Synodical membership and 'givings' received up to October 30, 1964, a total of $178,990.30. Also recorded there is the amount spent and paid out during the same period — $316,775.43. This is a very disturbing difference, not so much because every available dollar in cash had to be borrowed from funds used for commitments of the Society, other than those in the Estimates, but because we feel that this amount may be sitting in treasurers' bank accounts — not in the members' purses—all across the continent. This is a definite breakdown in communication—and one which cost us dearly.
2. If every Group treasurer had sent on the General Fund money after *each* meeting, no such difference would be shown. This applies to Presbyterial Treasurers also — to send on regularly each month to Synodical Treasurers *all* General Fund and Supply Fund receipts — and so on up the line.
3. In addition, an amount to cover expenses to the end of the year

had to be borrowed from the bank at 6%. This had to be a sizeable loan, since both the Christian Literature and the Grant budget (Items 5 and 6 in the summary) had been withheld till practically the end of the year awaiting funds.

4. Upwards of $100,000 is received each year, when books are closed as of December 31st. This reaches the Treasurer's Department well into January or even February. It is not likely that this sum was not given by the membership of the Society in the last six weeks of any year.
5. As we begin 1965, with NO backlog of General Fund bonds as a reserve—nor available cash reserves — we are faced with the necessity of MONTH BY MONTH financing. This means we require one-twelfth of the Estimate each month—approximately $39,500. This also means one-twelfth of the Group Objective in the hands of the Presbyterial treasurer, and so on, each month. This requires a radical change in remittance practices, at most Group and Presbyterial levels where only the minimum should be withheld to keep a bank account open.
6. Please remember that even a $10 balance left on a treasurer's books in any one month multiplied by 1,000 other groups doing the same thing amounts to $10,000 in monthly receipts to the Society when it is needed. "Little drops of water — little grains of sand — make a mighty ocean". No amount is too small, so let us maintain a steady flow each month to the places where it is needed — into every corner of our missionary effort.

In closing I would like to leave a thought to stay in our minds and hearts as we go forward into a year which will test us and require of us great dedication to the principles of stewardship.

Stewardship, whether it be time, talents, substance, is something between the individual and his God. It is no one else's affair — it is between YOU and GOD.

The increases in salary covered by the new salary scale which was accepted by Council in May 1964 are being withheld from our staff until the total receipts for 1964 are received. At that time the matter of salary increases will be reconsidered.

This is a serious matter and Council Executive deeply regret the necessity for this action.

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1965

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A.

Executive Director: Miss Giollo Kelly
Secretary: Miss Vera Carson
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 7,800.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Louise Gamble, Miss Hazell Davis, Mrs. G. P. Louie, Mrs. Yew Fin Tam Hu
Toronto, Ontario: Miss Margaret Near, M.A., Miss Elsie Lee (part-time)
Sudbury, Ontario: Deaconess
Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung, Miss Annie Wilson, L.L.C.M., Kindergarten Assistant Grant to Chinese Church—Paid from Kindergarten fees
Victoria, B.C.: Miss Winnifred Ripley, Miss Grace Lee
Salaries and Furlough Expenses .... $ 33,400.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario. (Salaries and administration paid through Indian School Funds)

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver and New Westminster, British Columbia: Miss Lily Simpson, part-time; Mrs. R. Mercer, part-time.
Edmonton, Alberta: Mrs. H. B. Wallace
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Mrs. G. W. Bradley
London, Ontario: Miss Lila Schneider
Toronto, Ontario:
Montreal, Quebec: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale
Salaries .... $ 14,675.00

DEACONESSES AND INSTITUTIONS

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Director of Christian Education
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.: Miss Ellen Douglas
St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver, B.C.: Maintenance
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta: Miss Emily Drysdale
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan: Miss Hilda Blackwell

Fellowship House, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan: Mr. F. J. Dickson, Mrs. F. J. Dickson, Summer Relief
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Miss Evelyn Murdoch
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Manitoba: Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess
Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg: Mr. A. Beattie, Mrs. A. Beattie, Additional Staff Member, Summer Relief
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ontario: Miss Martine Jansen van Beek
Presbytery of Barrie, Ontario: Miss Dorothy Lukes
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ontario: Miss Sheila Stephens
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ontario: Miss Marion Moore
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ontario: Miss Flora Whiteford, Miss Florence Goertzen, Miss Ruby Walker
Presbytery of Montreal, Quebec: Miss Catherine Watson

Salaries	$ 57,500.00

IMMIGRATION

Miss Lillian Reay, Summer Assistant		
Salaries	$ 3,800.00	
Printing of letters of welcome and Social Service	200.00	$ 4,000.00
Expenses		4,560.00
Maintenance of Missionary Vans		1,500.00
Student Deaconesses		4,500.00
Transportation of Summer Workers		700.00
French Work		700.00
Transportation of National Staff		300.00
Contingency		1,700.00
NATIONAL TOTAL		$131,335.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

Executive Director: Miss Mary Whale
Secretary: Miss Pauline Kujanik

Salaries and Expenses	$ 7,900.00

INDIA

Jhansi Field—
Helen MacDonald Memorial School

Salaries:		
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., B.Ed., M.R.E., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$ 9,600.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Educational	$ 6,500.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	3,045.00	
Tibetan Children	2,800.00	
Mission Business	230.00	
	$ 12,575.00	$ 22,175.00
Bhil Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N.		
Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., Miss Catherine Polson, Reg.N., Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, Reg.N. (Balance of salaries paid by Knox Church, Toronto)		
Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$ 27,500.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	3,253.00	
Medical—Mobile Units	7,328.00	
Education, Schools & Hostels	8,025.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	640.00	
General Maintenance & Repairs	7,332.00	
Mission Business	1,100.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
Language Study	800.00	
	$ 28,728.00	$ 56,228.00
Supplementary Income Tax—Bhil and Jhansi Fields		600.00
Co-operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:		

Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss E. Greenwood	$ 3,375.00	
Grant to Vellore	1,150.00	
Indore:		
Director—Graduate School of Nursing, Salary and Expenses	3,000.00	
Ludhiana Maintenance	2,000.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	
Landour Community Hospital	175.00	$ 10,750.00
India total		$ 89,753.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:		
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan, Miss Athalie Read	$ 8,300.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Missionaries Rent	1,500.00	
Car allowance and other travel	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
Deaconesses, and Student Deaconesses	3,000.00	
	$ 6,100.00	
British Guiana total		$ 14,400.00

NIGERIA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., Miss Shirley Dredge	$ 12,500.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and Travel	900.00	
General Expenses	500.00	
Training Courses, etc.	200.00	
General Maintenance & Repairs	300.00	
Contingency	300.00	
	$ 2,200.00	
Africa total		$ 14,700.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:		
Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M. Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$ 9,334.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelism	$ 2,360.00	
Field Work	1,030.00	
Travel	1,200.00	
Maintenance of Property	500.00	
Rent	600.00	
Mission Business	250.00	
Conferences	100.00	
Hsin Chu Bible School (Kindergarten Teacher's Salary)	550.00	
Formosa Secretaries' Consultation	110.00	
Language Study	400.00	
Tam Kang Middle School	1,500.00	
	$ 8,600.00	
Formosa total		$ 17,934.00

KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Salaries:		
Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Miss Mavis Hyndman	$ 5,300.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Christian Education Leadership	5,800.00	
Young People's Camp	200.00	
Expenses	2,600.00	
	$ 8,600.00	
Korean Church in Japan total		$ 13,900.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to Fields: Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Merle McGowan, Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N.	$ 4,800.00	

New Missionaries Going to Fields (4)	3,200.00	
Coming from Field: Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Hildur Hermanson, Miss Shirley Dredge, Miss Athalie Read	3,400.00	
Cost of Living in Canada: Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., M.A., Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Miss Shirley Dredge, Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Hildur Hermanson, Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Athalie Read, Miss Merle McGowan. Four new Missionaries	2,916.00	
Travel in Canada for consultation with Council Executive	200.00	
Missionaries' Expenses total		$ 14,516.00
Overseas Contingency		$ 1,500.00
Director's Administrative Visits		1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions, Canadian Council of Churches		1,100.00
OVERSEAS TOTAL		$176,703.00

ORGANIZATION

Executive Director — Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Departmental Secretaries:

Assistant in the Adult Department—Miss May Nutt

National Secretary for Teenage Work—Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E., (Paid by the Board of Christian Education)

National Secretary for Children's Work—Miss Mabel Booth

Regional Secretaries:

Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Clare Hanes,

Miss Dorothy Keller, B.A., Miss Lois Powrie, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Immediate Staff Needs (2)
Stenographic Secretaries:

Miss Marjorie McMullin, Miss Margaret Tranmer	$ 40,300.00
Expenses—Director, National and Regional Secretaries	8,050.00
Conduct of Committee Work, including the distribution of magazines for Girls' and Children's Work and Field Letters	935.00
Deputation	2,000.00
Camps and Conferences	1,500.00
Training Projects	1,500.00
Contingency	475.00
	$ 54,760.00

PUBLICATIONS

Executive Director — Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry

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Assistant to the Director: Miss Flora MacPherson
Senior Typist: Mrs. Mildred Preston
Senior Typist: Miss M. E. Bothwell
Order and Mailing Clerk: Mrs. Norma McComb

Salaries and Expenses	$ 15,150.00	
Annual Report and Report Forms	2,800.00	
Glad Tidings	4,000.00	
Free Literature: Including—Promotion Leaflets, Complimentary Subscriptions to Glad Tidings	1,000.00	
Annual Mission Report of G.B.M. and W.M.S.	350.00	
Expenses—Glossy Prints, Council Publicity	200.00	
General Contingency	100.00	
PUBLICATIONS TOTAL		$ 23,600.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00
Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches	200.00

Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Centre	1,700.00	
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00	
Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches	100.00	
Committee on Christian Vocation of the Canadian Council of Churches	200.00	
Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions and National Council of Churches, U.S.A.	100.00	
GRANTS TOTAL		$ 2,335.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Church School Material, British Guiana (Caribbean)	400.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Inc.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India through National Christian Council	400.00
Christian Literature for Africa through International Committee and African Literature Centre	1,000.00
Christian Literature for India, "Christian Home" Magazine	800.00
Christian Literature for Chinese through Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	600.00
Christian Literature for Latin America, "Testimonium"	500.00
World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee New York	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	600.00
French Literature in Canada through French Advisory Committee	1,100.00
Italian Church Library Books and Hymn Books	300.00
Hungarian Magazine "New Life"	500.00
Ukranian Literature "Evangelical Truth" through the Rev. Michael Fesenko	1,500.00

"Spiritual Awakening"—Kuban Kossack	55.00
Canadian Bible Society	1,500.00
Department of Overseas Missions (World Christian Books, Africa S.S. Curriculum, Study Centres)	600.00
Costa Rica Literacy Centre for Caribbean and S.A.	300.00
Literature in the vernacular for non-Christian University students (India)	200.00
Christian Literature and Visual Aids—Bhil Field, India	50.00
Missionary Research Library, N.Y.	75.00
Chinese Curriculum—South East Asia	320.00
World Christian Literature Fund	1,000.00
Contingency	200.00
	$ 14,150.00
From Legacy Fund	6,000.00
Total	$ 8,150.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:		
Assistant to the Treasurer and Secretary, Miss Myrtle Rose Bookkeeper—Miss Judith Bertok Stenographer — Mrs. Mary Shepherd (Part-time)		8,100.00
Office Rent	$ 9,360.00	
Auditing	700.00	
General Expenses	5,500.00	
Travelling Expenses of Council Executive	3,300.00	
Life Membership	300.00	
Exchange	300.00	19,460.00
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		$ 27,560.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and equipment, including Camps, Vans and Liability Insurance	$ 1,000.00

STUDENT WORK

Student Christian Movement:	
Brazil, Mexico and Chile	$ 1,100.00

World Mission Committee	1,250.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	200.00	$ 2,625.00
COUNCIL MEETING		5,300.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION		1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF		2,400.00

SYNODICAL GRANTS

British Columbia	400.00	
Alberta	300.00	
Saskatchewan	225.00	
Manitoba	225.00	
Hamilton and London		
Toronto and Kingston		
Montreal and Ottawa	50.00	$ 1,200.00

SUMMARY OF 1965 ESTIMATES

National Missions	$131,335.00
Overseas Missions	176,703.00
Organization	54,760.00
Publications	23,600.00
Grants	2,335.00
Christian Literature	8,150.00
Administration	27,560.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,000.00
Student Work	2,625.00
Council Meeting	5,300.00
Audio-Visual Education	1,000.00
Medical Insurance for Staff	2,400.00
Synodical Grants	1,200.00
General Contingency	500.00
	$438,468.00
Salary Increases	34,493.00
	$472,961.00

SUPPLY FUND

OVERSEAS MISSIONS	
Jhansi Field—Helen MacDonald School	
Hostel Assistance	$ 300.00

Tibetan Children	200.00	
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Bhil Field		
Evangelistic	115.00	
Medical Mobile Units	1,820.00	
Educational—Schools and Hostels	6,385.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	1,110.00	
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
British Guiana		
Supplies for Training Classes and Church Schools	200.00	
Formosa		
Medical Supplies	600.00	
Music Supplies	250.00	
Outfit Allowance (2)	600.00	
Books, Equipment, etc.	1,000.00	$ 13,180.00
NATIONAL MISSIONS		4,000.00
ORGANIZATION		700.00
EMERGENCIES		1,000.00
TOTAL		$ 18,880.00

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - October 1964

	Adult Membership	1963	1964	Towards 1963 Deficit
British Columbia	1,302	$ 6,054.75	$ 6,557.26	......
Alberta	1,304	6,670.40	8,086.28	346.21
Saskatchewan	955	4,004.98	5,007.75	1,106.16
Manitoba	1,258	5,459.21	5,964.16	1,954.23
Hamilton and London	9,095	65,878.34	59,803.83	127.18
Toronto and Kingston	10,907	58,820.50	60,019.45	751.97
Montreal and Ottawa	4,559	31,812.79	33,551.57	204.00
	29,380	$178.700.97	$178,990.30	4,489.75
			Special Gifts:	7,861.70

General Budget Expenditures To Date — $316,775.43

A VISIT TO NISHIARI CHURCH IN JAPAN

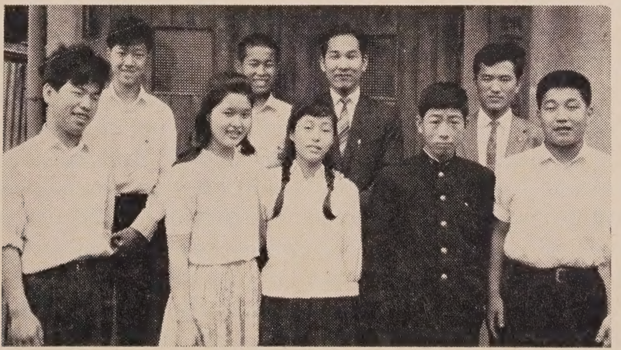
by MISS MAVIS HYNDMAN

GOOD MORNING:

It is Sunday and not too likely that we will have visitors, or phone calls, before 9:00 a.m. The weather is crisp and cold, but the sun is shining and gives promise of a lovely day.

This has been an especially exciting week. Miss Mary Whale arrived in our big city on Monday evening. It is certainly good to see her again and she has very kindly passed along many messages of concern and Christian love from many of you. Thanks very much!

Of necessity, for Miss Whale, a heavy schedule has been outlined to enable her to visit most of the Korean Christian Churches in Japan. The Annual Meetings of the Women's Evangelical Association were held in Osaka, October 22 and 23, and Miss Whale was a special guest representing each one of you in the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Miss Whale, along with Miss Nakamura left Wednesday to attend these particular meetings, then this weekend they plan to visit at least two other congregations a little further south, and return to Nagoya on Monday to attend the General Assembly of The Korean Christian Church in Japan. It is my privilege also to attend the General Assembly, so I'm very thrilled about this, as you can well imagine.



Young People's English Bible Class
Nishiari Church.

There is so much to tell you about that I hardly know where to start, but perhaps you would like to know something about one Church, and the people who attend. The name of the particular Church I would like you to visit with me is Nishiari, where I have a most interesting English Bible Class, the first and third Sundays of each month.

To get to Nishiari from our home, we take two different trains and a bus. It takes about 50 minutes plus 75 yen or 25c Canadian money. From the bus stop there is just a short walk, which gives us an opportunity to see the neighbourhood, typical homes, and little shops. You will notice several large low-rental apartments to the right — these have eliminated numerous shacks — and the big ditch is part of the sewage system. The children along the road will probably stop playing to stare at the foreigners, but a smile, and little nod, is all that is needed. They will respond with a shy grin, then giggle and talk among themselves. On our way back, don't be surprised if these same children follow us, or even extend a little fist with wild flowers. Another turn to the right, and there is a brown wooden building, quite small and unimpressive perhaps, but adequate. The Cross at the top makes us lift our heads, our minds, and our hearts, reminding us that we have come to worship together.

In the vestibule of the Church, you will notice shoes lined up and a rack with slippers. So we, too, must follow suit, removing our shoes and slipping on the slippers provided. The sanctuary is upstairs, and as we enter you may be a bit surprised to notice most of the men sitting on one side and the women on the other. The custom in the Orient in years past was such that at the age of seven the sexes were separated. This tradition is slowly dying out, as our Pastors are trying to encourage worshipping together as a family — but it will take time!

Rev. G. S. Hwang is the pastor of Nishiari and he speaks English. I am sure he will be pleased to meet you. Before you are introduced to the members of the congregation let me explain their greeting "Anyon Hasshimnika" — "Peace be with you". With this warm greeting, a little bow, and a friendly handshake, I am sure you already know you are truly welcome. There are no pews in the Church yet, but the women are putting cushions on the low chairs so that you will not be too cold, and they are asking us to sit close to the little coal stove to help keep warm. There is no central heating in either the Churches or homes.

The Service of Worship will be in Korean, and the sermon in both Korean and Japanese. You see, many of the older people do not speak much Japanese, and most of the young people do not speak Korean. The hymns of praise will be in Korean too, but you will notice that the Korean Hymn book provides the English sub-title, so we can use our own Books of Praise and join in the singing. Somehow the words of the hymns seem to take on new meaning, and a new message is written in one's heart. God hears and God acts.

Deacons, which are equivalent to our Board of Managers in Canada, take up the offering, and women, as well as men, serve in this capacity. When the offering is received, the deacon then offers the prayer.

In Nishiari there are 25 Baptized members and at present 3 Catechumens preparing for Baptism. There are 30 children in the Church School and three teachers. The English Bible Class, including the Pastor, has 12 young people enrolled, but attendance varies. The names are Yee Seng Hwang, Un Sil Kim, Sung Gil Peh, Yong Hee Hong, Sam Bong Chin, Yong Il Kang, Boo Gil Peh, Hong Seh Kim, Junko Kang, to mention a few. Kim, Lee and Peh are as popular in Korean families as Jones, Smith and White in Canadian families.

One cannot help but be interested in knowing what these people do to earn a living, and where they live. Most work at home, doing crafts of various kinds. One family has a shoe store — the slippers in this Church were a gift from this family. Another woman has a Korean restaurant, and some of the men drive trucks. Those with shops live behind the store, probably in two rooms. Pastor Hwang and his family have three small rooms behind the Sunday School Room, on the first floor of the Church building; others live in the apartment buildings. Obviously, the incomes will be small; they average annually about $1,200.00 per family, but their church offerings, almost unbelievably, average about $40.00 per year per person. Interesting people — yes, indeed they are, and I hope you have enjoyed your visit to Nishiari but I hope you are not too tired yet, because there is still more to share.

Even in the short time that I have been attending Nishiari, there has been a change in the people. The reason for the increased zeal, dedication, and spiritual growth, comes through confidence in God. Psalm 116 explains better than I can, so please read it carefully then I will explain the circumstances.

On June 30th the three-and-one-half-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Hwang was accidentally killed, while playing in front of the Church. A truck backed over him; the driver wasn't sure what he had hit, but he jumped out quickly, picked up the child, then had the mother phone for an ambulance. Then when the crowd gathered, and the boy was rushed to the hospital, the driver seemed to assume an air of complete indifference, saying "The boy shouldn't have been there, I thought it was a rock and it isn't my fault"! News of this nature spreads quickly, and soon the whole community knew what had happened, and everyone was upset.

The little boy did not lose consciousness, but talked with his mother, asked for a drink of water, then slipped quietly away. Pastor Hwang was very late arriving home that evening — he was helping a young Korean lad to get some legal papers attended to — and it was indeed a terrific shock to him. A wake was already started (according to Korean custom) and a Service of Worship was ready to start, as soon as Pastor Hwang arrived home. The following day the funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. In the morning, the truck driver and Pastor Hwang spent a long time together, then they sat together at the funeral. The Church could not hold all those who attended the service — not just Koreans, not just a representative of the Japanese community, but the whole community. The parents were courageous and brave, but the truck driver broke down completely and wept bitterly. The father of the deceased child comforted him, assuring him of complete forgiveness, and promising him that he would not go to jail, because Rev. and Mrs. Hwang were not going to lay charges against him.

This community has witnessed the actions of a true man of God. This congregation has opened their hearts, and they have been filled with a new spirit. This pastor has increased in wisdom; his sermons have new depth and new meaning. The young people have seen that justice does not come through the law alone, but through the Grace of God; compassion, forgiveness, and obedience to Jesus Christ.

And now I would ask each one of you to please remember these dear people before His throne of Grace, especially the truck driver who does not yet know "the peace that passeth all understanding".

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In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. W. G. Faris	2nd West Gwillimbury	Barrie
Mrs. Wm. (Alexandra) McEachern	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. A. White	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. M. Sykes	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. Hermon Hummel	St. Andrew's, Chesterville	Brockville
Mrs. Anson Wood	St. Paul's, Kemptville	Brockville
Miss Gladys McGaughey	St. Paul's, Kemptville	Brockville
Mrs. Stanley Major	St. Andrew's, Puce	Chatham
Miss Bel McKinley	St. Andrew's, Puce	Chatham
Mrs. Isabelle Spark	Calvin, Toronto	East Toronto

In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Henry Hindson	Knox, Preston	Guelph
Mrs. Thomas Ballantine	Knox, Preston	Guelph
Miss Jessie Jeffrey	Duff's, Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. John A. Macpherson	Duff's, Puslinch	Guelph
Mrs. G. V. Hilborn	Knox, Preston	Guelph
Mrs. John Walsh	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Mrs. Catherine McClung	St. Enoch's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. John Moffat	St. Enoch's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Isabel Macdonald	McNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Mary McQuesten	McNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. E. F. McAlpine	First, Trail, B.C.	Kootenay
Mrs. N. D. (Anna) Smith	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Miss Emily Haugh	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Miss Frances E. Graham	New St. James, London	London
Miss Annie MacKay	South Kinnloss, Lucknow	Maitland
Mrs. Catherine Sellars	Maisonneuve, St. Cuthbert's	Montreal
Mrs. Bella Brown	Maisonneuve, St. Cuthbert's	Montreal
Mrs. Alice Parsons	St. Andrew's, Burk's Falls	North Bay
Mrs. H. S. (Maudie) Adams	Hillside, Sudbury	North Bay
Mrs. Thomas Brownlie	Knox, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. W. H. Carlyle	Erskine, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. Roy Murray	Presbyterian, Innerkip	Paris
Mrs. John Mitchell	Presbyterian, Innerkip	Paris
Mrs. Margaret Kerr	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Mrs. Margaret Johnston	Presbyterian, Paris	Paris
Mrs. Elizabeth Estes	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. D. Ewart	St. Andrew's, Cobourg	Peterborough
Miss Margaret MacDougall (Regional Secretary, W.M.S. Eastern Division)	Wood Islands Presbyterian	P.E.I.
Miss Mary McBean	St. James, Forest	Sarnia
Mrs. D. A. Taylor	St. James, Forest	Sarnia
Mrs. Sutherland MacKay	Knox, Harrington	Stratford
Mrs. Florence McNair	Cooke's, Chilliwack	Westminster
Mrs. Sarah McGregor	Cooke's, Chilliwack	Westminster
Mrs. Nellie Duthie	Cooke's, Chilliwack	Westminster
Mrs. Mary Short	Cooke's, Chilliwack	Westminster
Miss Ethel Laidlaw	Wychwood, Toronto	West Toronto

INDIAN CANADIAN EDUCATION

by MR. N. M. RUSAW, Principal

Birtle Indian Residential School

IS ANYTHING WORTH WHILE being done for the young Canadian Indian? This is a question that is repeatedly asked by the public and press. The answer to this lies in the system of education set up and available to these people at the present time. As yet there are too few Indian people who have come to the foreground, so the public has little knowledge of what is available in the field of training to these young people.

Education for the Indian had its beginning with the coming of the Church on the Reserves. The resident Missionaries started with classes on the Reserves. This was unsatisfactory as in those days the Indian family moved according to the season, game and food supply. Following this trial the Residential School system was established. The first Residential Schools were constructed, maintained and wholly supported by the Church organization. This was carried on for a number of years until after the first World War the Federal Government commenced to fulfill some of the terms of the Treaty. The Federal Government replaced many of the Church Schools with new modern structures and also paid a small per capita grant to the Church organization.

Indian children were supposed to attend these schools but the regulations were not strongly enforced. Many did not enter school until they were ten, eleven, twelve or thirteen years of age. One can imagine the age spread in a class, and the problem it would create in teaching. The Residential Schools operated on a half day system whereby the pupil attended the classroom for a half day and the other half was employed around the school to learn practical things such as housekeeping, baking, cleaning, farming and gardening. At sixteen a student graduated from school and returned to the Reserve.

As time went on, the half day system in the Residential Schools was abolished and Indian students attended full-time class instruction. A very small percentage did reach secondary school level and a lesser number took trade school or professional training.

As Indian people grasped the idea that education and training was a necessity, they asked for and got day schools on the Reserves. Like any natural parent they wanted their children at home. The day schools produced less graduates for secondary school education and there was a demand for more progress among our Indian people. To get this, more education with more integration was needed. With the integration movement the day schools were closed and the present day system of transportation by bus and van to a central point was inaugurated for the Indian students. In northern areas and remote places this cannot be done, so the day schools are still the means of elementary education. Where the Reservation is located within driving distance of a town or city, the children from that Reserve are mostly all transported daily to the schools in that centre. Now they work and play with white children and this is integration at an early age.

The Residential Schools are still filled to capacity, and with the increase in population they are as much in demand as ever. To this type of school come the products of broken homes, very bad homes, orphans, and those too distant to attend school in the home area. Many of the residential pupils are children from the northern areas and students for advanced education and preparation for higher training. The Residential School is fast becoming a hostel, as the students from these schools are attending the schools in the town. At the Residential Schools are facilities for home study with libraries, classroom-like study rooms, proper organization and supervised periods. Teacher counsellors and tutors are provided to organize and give counselling and help. These counsellors act as liaison officers between the town schools and the Residential School.

From elementary school to secondary school and then to any field of advanced education — these are open to any young Canadian Indian at the expense of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Naturally, he or she has to meet the fundamental qualifications required for admittance to a course or school, the same as anyone else, but from there on tuition, books, board and lodging in a private home or residence are provided. A liberal allowance for clothing and a liberal monthly cash allowance for personal expenditures are provided to each student attending a Trade School, a College or a special course. If extra expenditure for transportation is required or special equipment is required for the course, this can be obtained on application. Each year the Indian Affairs Branch offers scholarships to the best student in each field. Many other scholarships are opening up to them as well from other sources.

There has been much publicity given to the fact that an Indian student encounters difficulty in the city or away from home. Failure to succeed on a course has been blamed on the unacceptance of the student or the accommodation or the lack of friends and security. There should not be as much reason for this at the present time. In the larger centres the Churches have provided hostels and homes for these young people, where they may enjoy the freedom and comforts of a good modern home. Then there are the Friendship Centres where they may go for recreation and fellowship with their own race. These are provided by Welfare Agencies, Churches and other organizations, and offer much in recreation, training and utilization of spare time.

In Manitoba, in 1957, there were 95 Indian students in High School. At the beginning of the term in 1964 there were 477 in this Province. Our present rate of drop-outs is given as fifty per cent, by reaching grade eight, and almost one hundred per cent by reaching grades eleven and twelve.

We see these young students transported to our town schools with the same opportunity in learning as the majority of our young non-Indian population. We also take a look at the Residential Schools and the opportunities they offer, and when we know just what is available, beyond secondary education to the Indian student, the question arises, "Why aren't there more taking advantage of these opportunities?" To do the job the tools and equipment are provided, but the young Indian must provide the will power. This seems to be the major cause of failure and slow progress. Many who come to the Residential School for secondary education and to the trade schools and advanced courses, find the courses difficult. Early in the game they convince themselves they cannot master the course and drop out. For some it is the first time away from home and naturally homesickness occurs. Many will not persevere and they return to their homes. We have had cases in several of the Residential Schools where High School students from the north have been sent the transportation fares to return home shortly after admittance to school. Yet if any of these young people were asked if they wanted an education they would answer in the affirmative.

Today there is a tendency to be selective about the school they attend. The hostel or school which offers the most in recreation and freedom from responsibility is most popular. Too few are concerned about the educational achievement.

Unfortunately, there is too little parental backing. Students have not been encouraged by their parents to persevere. Other agencies are definitely at work, but, to succeed, the rest must come from the Indian himself, and until the young Indian is ready to meet this challenge that all of us have to meet, there will not be too many educated Indian people.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

IT WAS WITH REGRET that the resignation of **Miss Dorothy Spring** recently was received from the National staff. Miss Spring had been on leave of absence for almost a year because of illness, and it was on medical advice that her resignation was submitted. We trust that she will enjoy improved health as she continues her secular employment.

Mrs. Roy Mercer, a member of First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, has been sharing for several months, on a part-time basis, the hospital visitation work with **Miss Lily Simpson.** At the request of Presbytery the two part-time workers have replaced the former full-time appointment. Miss Simpson visits in Vancouver while Mrs. Mercer devotes her time to the hospitals in the New Westminster area.

Miss Martine Jansen van Beek, who served in the presbytery of Temiskaming for the past three years, is now in the midst of her study furlough. She is attending Waterloo University where she is working on her Arts degree.

Miss Margaret Near began her study furlough on January 1st. She is studying the Cantonese language at the New Asia College, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Miss Dorothy Lukes, who has served so ably as our Port Receptionist in Montreal for a number of years, has returned to work in Angus, Ontario, where she served for five months last winter. Miss Lukes will serve in Angus until she begins her study furlough later in 1965.

Miss Lillian Reay has replaced Miss Lukes in Montreal. For the past three years Miss Reay has been engaged in youth and children's work in St. Matthew's Centre, Vancouver. Miss Reay will work within the Presbytery of Montreal, with first priority on her time to be given to the work in the Immigration Department.

Miss Ellen Douglas, Presbytery Deaconess in Westminster, has been assigned to the work in St. Matthews for the winter months.

NOTICE

Before ordering Life Membership Pins, please refer to the revised price list on Page 48 for all pins, effective January 1st, 1965.

PRESENTING THE ESTIMATES IN THE LOCAL GROUP

by OLIVE G. GRANT

Secretary of Evening Groups

AS YOU HOLD THIS ISSUE of *The Glad Tidings* in your hands, the year 1964 is drawing to a close, and in only a few days we will be greeting 1965. For most people, this is a time of looking backward to assess the year just past, and looking forward with plans for the future. What is true of the individual is true also of business firms, who would count 1964 a failure if they had ended the year with a financial loss. Deficit or no, these firms must look to 1965, estimating carefully their anticipated revenue and expenditures, so there will be a balanced budget in the coming year.

Your Society is not a business firm, yet is not a budget of between four and five hundred thousand dollars "big business"? *But* at the end of 1963 the Society had a deficit, as you will know if you have read the Treasurer's Statement in this issue—and we hope you have. You will know also the amount of the 1965 estimate which was accepted by your elected representatives at the Council meeting held in May in Montreal. Because of the desperate urgency of the financial situation, it is most important that the 1965 estimates, and the work for which this money is needed, be made known to every group member. Therefore it is hoped that these figures will be presented in every group across Canada. It has been proved many times that when the women of the church *know* the need they give, and give generously.

If your January meeting comes early in the month it may be necessary, in the interests of good planning, to leave your "estimates" meeting until February, but it should be held as early in the year as possible.

Your group may be one in which a committee is named for each month's programme at the beginning of the year, and, if this is the case, perhaps your February committee might be willing to "present the estimates." If your group does not function in this way, a special committee might be named at the January meeting. This committee should meet together to plan their programme.

Looking at the estimates, your committee may think they are an uninteresting list of figures, but if you put some good thinking into the planning of your meeting, the results will surprise you. Figures *can* be made to come alive, and when they deal with people in India, in South America, in Formosa, in Japan, in Nigeria, as well as with our brothers and sisters in Canada—no matter of what race, Canadians all—fascinating facts can be found for the searching.

One of the first questions will be, "Where do we get this information?" Part of the answer is in your hands at the moment — *The Glad Tidings.* In this issue you will find the estimates for 1965, and throughout 1964 there have been articles and stories about every branch of the work of the Society. There is an index in the December issue. In addition to this, the President and the Secretary of your group each receive a copy of the Society's Annual Report, and this will prove an excellent resource book as it contains the annual reports of all departments of the Society's work.

If your group is "chart-minded," it would not be difficult to prepare a "pie" chart, showing how the estimates are spent, and dividing the "pie" proportionately according to the 1965 estimates.

It is not enough to show on the chart the general areas of the Society's outreach; you will need to get down to specifics, and this is where the Annual Report comes in. This can be passed from member to member of the committee, while the meeting is in preparation. Comments should be brief and to the point, and it would be a good idea to relate them to some of the particular items in which your group has shown interest during the year. If you do not find sufficient information about your particular "interest-item" in the Annual Report, search *The Glad Tidings,* and you will in all likelihood be rewarded. As an example of this, there is very little in the Annual Report about the activities of the vans, but in the June 1964 *Glad Tidings* there is ample news about them.

On the other hand, your group may not be interested in making a chart, but if you have a blackboard handy this can be used very effectively. No matter which method you use, *Ask the members to bring their January Glad Tidings,* so that it may be used in conjunction with the chart, or the blackboard. The blackboard can be used to show the amount of money expended in each area or work, the names of missionaries, at home and abroad, the names of institutions for which the Society has responsibility, not forgetting the comparatively new ventures, Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg, and Fellowship House, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Members of the committee should be briefed to point out some interesting piece of information about the various items chosen by the Committee. The particular phases of the work should be chosen by the Committee as a whole so that the picture may be well balanced.

If your group decides that it does not wish to give a whole meeting to the question of estimates, although at the moment they are of prime importance, it would be possible to give ten minutes at each of three meetings, or fifteen minutes at each of two meetings. This will mean a total of half an hour in either case.

Your Society is facing a difficult and almost impossible financial situation. Will you consider these estimates carefully and prayerfully, bearing in mind the 1963 deficit, and remembering also the words of the Master we profess to serve, — "Go ye."

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Your Prayers are asked

—That the challenge of a New Year may give, to each member of the National Staff, renewed courage and inspiration for their very important Missionary task in 1965.

—That the results of their labours in the months ahead will bear rich fruit in a new interpretation of Missionary obedience, especially by those who have not indicated an interest in Missions.

—For Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Hwang of the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in the tragic death of their three-an-one-half year old son, and for the truck driver responsible for the accident.

—For the needs of the Rehabilitation Programme for Child Polio Victims, in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan.

—For all groups of the Women's Missionary Society across Canada, that each may enter the New Year with increased enthusiasm and renewed endeavour.

—For all who plan Study Programmes in local groups, that all members may receive a clearer understanding of what it means to share in the "advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad."

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TO THE NEW YEAR

One song for the New Year,
Our Universal Prayer;
Teach us — all other teachings far
above—
To hide dark hate beneath the
wings of love;
To slay all hatred, strife,
And live the larger life!
To bind the wounds that bleed;
To lift the fallen, lead the blind
As only love can lead . . .
To live for all mankind!

(James Whitcomb Riley)

The Teen Years

DICK FINDS A NEW HOME

by DOROTHY McCOMBIE

"WHAT IS THE PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE?" Cam asked one day as I was sitting in his office at the Department of Welfare. As I tried to explain, I wondered why he wanted to know. I told Cam that the Fellowship House was a Christian Home, used mainly to house boys going to school or young men new to the city who were trying to get established, and that it was operated by The Women's Missionary Society, (WD) of the Presbyterian Church. A questioning look came into Cam's eyes and he then asked whether or not it would be possible to place Dick, a teen-age boy from the "slum" area, or inner city, at the House.

Mr. & Mrs. Dickson, the house parents, decided that they could take Dick, and he came to live at Presbyterian Fellowship House in May 1963. Cam had been in touch with the accounts department of City Welfare and they were willing to support Dick until he finished school in June.

Dick was a likable fellow. He was of average size, husky and fairly good-looking, with dark brown hair and deep brown eyes. Dick was interested in sports of all types, and in fact had been a linesman on his school's football team during the fall.

What had Dick's home been like? Why was Cam so anxious to have Dick placed in Fellowship House? These were some of the questions which crossed my mind. Cam provided the answers to some, and the rest I learned in my conversations with Dick.

The home from which Dick came had not been a happy one. His mother was dead, and his father was a chronic alcoholic. Dick and his father did not get along well with one another, and, since he was the eldest of five children, the responsibility of looking after the four younger children had fallen on Dick's shoulders. This responsibility involved cooking — mainly making bologna sandwiches, washing clothes, and trying to keep the house tidy. The father was unemployed and could not provide properly for his five children, and eventually this was brought to the attention of the City Welfare Department, and it is here that Cam enters the picture.

Cam was the worker assigned to help the family, and he told me that Dick was trying to prepare for his University entrance examinations in June. With the situation such as it was at home, he did not have the time to devote to his school work. The family lived in one of the worst districts in the city. Children run the streets until all hours of the night, because their parents do not care and are usually in the local hotel. Teen-age boys and girls are constantly having "brushes" with the law, and the word policeman or "cop" is a hated word in the area. Dick's house itself was small, dilapidated, and inadequate for the family. It was also very untidy. After all, how much housework does a teen-age boy like to do? Dick was also constantly worried about his younger brothers and sisters. They were just youngsters and were being left alone so often. Cam felt that if Dick could live at Fellowship House, a great deal of this extra responsibility would be lifted and he might have a better opportunity to study and obtain a pass in some of his papers. The Children's Aid Society were trying to obtain the legal custody of the younger children.

Dick adjusted rapidly at Fellowship House. It was not long before he was one of the family. The house parents soon became his "parents". Dick began to see and to feel what it was like to be a son in a large family. He shared a room on the third floor with another boy, but he had his own desk for studying, and his own bed. There was also the large sitting room downstairs, where he could entertain his friends or watch T.V. There was a piano where he could knock out the latest hit. Down in the basement there was a recreation room, with a dart board, a record player, a radio and a guitar. Just one thing bothered Dick, and that was the family devotions after dinner each evening. Eventually, however, he entered into the atmosphere of devotions, and Mrs. Dickson often found him staying behind to discuss questions about attending his Church more frequently than in the past.

At school Dick did not apply himself, and, as a result, he failed all but one of his papers. During the summer he tried to find work but was not able to do so. In the fall Dick returned to school. With the aid of new glasses, provided by an interested friend of Fellowship House, Dick applied himself more diligently. He invited Mrs. Dickson to the School Open House, and was proud to have a parent interested in him and his work. Dick's work picked up and at Christmas showed a good report, with only one poor mark in French. I contacted the wife of one of our ministers, and she offered to tutor Dick in this language. In June of 1964, he tried his entrance examinations again and this time was completely successful in passing them.

Dick plans on going to University, but the Children's Aid Society will no longer support him and his marks did not warrant the granting of a Scholarship, so he has decided to work for a year. Immediately when school was finished in June, he got himself a job in an office, and he plans to work and save his earnings for University tuition fees. Dick lives in a private home now, with a couple who treat him as their own son.

During the time Dick was with us at Fellowship House we saw a slow growth take place. The monstrous appetite of a frustrated boy became the healthful, wholesome, appetite of a boy who wanted to make something of his life. The erratic, immature, approach to problems, became the more steady and sure decisions of a mature young man. The disagreement with his father was healed somewhat, and now Dick will at least visit with him on occasion. It is difficult to measure the influence Fellowship House played in Dick's life, but he continues to drop in and visit, treating the house as the home of a relative.

Fellowship House is well named. The dictionary defines fellow as "a person who shares, a companion" and fellowship as "a mutual sharing of experience, activity and interest." In the New Testament we often find the Christian life described as a fellowship, or a sharing together in the life of Jesus Christ. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ". (I John 1:3)

(Note: Miss Dorothy McCombie is a Deaconess working in the 'Inner City' of Winnipeg, under the direction of the Women's Missionary Society (WD.)

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Boys and Girls!

"OUR COCO"

Children's Hostel, Union School,
P.O. Box 97, Umuahia, E. Nigeria.

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS:—

Coco is our parrot. Auntie and Uncle bought him from a Hausa trader in Northern Nigeria. They were spending their holiday there. Coco made the trip home in his cage in the back of the car. He had such a dreadful voice that Uncle wanted to sell him. But Auntie managed to get him some cooked rice in the market. After that the squawks weren't quite so bad. Uncle said Coco was Auntie's bird, but he built a house for him by the front door. When we got back to school, Auntie's parrot became "our Coco"!

We always stop to talk to Coco as we go by his cage. We did hope he would talk to us, but his squawking was terrible! He could be heard all over the compound. The teachers could even hear him from their houses. One day we heard him while we were in School! Soon the squawks turned to screams. He copied our squeals as we played games. In fact, Auntie thought we were screeching, when it was really Coco! After a while he began to whistle; and he learned to make a few pretty sounds. And at last he learned to say his name: "Co-co!" "Hel-lo, Co-co!" What a surprise that was!

Coco is a funny-looking bird. He is grey with a red tail. He likes to have his neck feathers ruffled, or nibble on pepper leaves. He always has groundnuts and water in his cage, but he spills the water every day! If you put anything (like a pencil) through the wires, he bites it with his big bill, and gets very cross. Then he ruffles all his feathers! We want him to say "Naughty Coco" when he does bad things, but he won't say that!

On Saturday morning, we were all out gardening in the back yard. Suddenly we heard the familiar screech of Coco, and there he was — flying through the air above us! We couldn't believe it! We watched him till we could see him no longer — over the palms, over the railway, and he was gone! Our Coco had flown away!

We wanted to run after Coco right then, but of course we couldn't go off the grounds. Then it was lunch-time. What could we do? We couldn't enjoy our "palm-oil chop", for we were all thinking of our Coco. It was hot at noon, but we didn't want to rest at siesta-time. The boys lay on their bunks thinking of plans to find Coco; and the girls were even crying! When we went out to play, we searched all over the compound. Catherine said she would take us for a walk to the "small market" after "tea". We were glad, because that was the very way Coco had been flying! As we walked, we whistled and called. But there was no Coco in the trees, in the bushes, or anywhere we looked.

We played a good game of "rounders", and soon it was getting dark. The night-watchman came. He had seen Coco near the village! Some men were trying to catch him! Uncle left right then in the car, and "Nightwatch" went with him. Soon they were back; but Coco wasn't with them! Nobody had been able to catch him. But the watchman had told the men, "He is our Coco, and we want him". We enjoyed our Saturday night party, with games and singing, but we could not forget our Coco.

Very early Sunday morning we were awake and listening for our feathered friend. Nothing! We took a walk down the steep path to the stream, but he hadn't gone that way. Maybe he would be home when we got back from Sunday School. But he wasn't! Lunch, rest hour, tea, and we were out looking for Coco again. Surely he would be back in his cage after the Church Service! Still missing! How could he stay away? He must be hungry — and we had been saying silent prayers all day!

It was getting dark again. We had our supper and our baths, and were in our pyjamas. Sh! Listen! Coco! For the first time we were all outside in our bare feet — and no one stopped us! Coco was at the top of the tree! We had to go to bed, of course, but Uncle promised to get up at day-break to see if Coco were still there. We prayed he would be!

We were awake before dawn, listening, looking and hoping. Clap, clap, clap! "Nightwatch" was calling Uncle. "Coco is still far up, sir!" We cheered right out loud when we heard that! But it was raining, and Coco must be very cold and wet. Before school, we watched Coco fly from one end of the compound to the other. The labourers were using a long bamboo pole to get him down from the high branches. Then the school bell rang, and we had to wait till play time to see Coco again.

Coco was no longer whistling or calling. It poured rain, and nobody could get him from that tree. At school we told all the other children about "our Coco". In the afternoon the rain stopped. By homework time, there was a surprise for us! Coco was back in his cage! Uncle had climbed the tree, caught Coco, and put him into a bag! It was a very sad looking Coco! He turned his head and faced the corner of his cage. He wouldn't talk, and he wouldn't look at us. He was still wet, and his feathers were ruffled up to keep himself warm. Could he die of a cold?

After homework, we found Coco in the kitchen by the cook-stove. When we called to him that time, he looked out and said, "Co-co!" Our good friend was very much alive! In fact, the next thing he did was tip over his dish of water! Our Coco is still naughty, but we don't mind. He can say "Robert", and "Ruth-ee", but he has ten names left to learn! We won't forget our Coco when we go back to our homes in Nigeria and other countries. And if Coco is a very good bird, and doesn't fly away any more, Uncle and Auntie will take him home with them to Scotland. Our Coco may have a long ride on the ship. Lucky bird!

Best wishes from Elizabeth, Dominic, Elsy, Cecilia, Edith, Bruce, John Mark, Ruth, Robert, Ruthie, Peter.

(This is a true story told to Miss Shirley Dredge, one of our missionaries in Eastern Nigeria, by the children whose names are at the end of the letter. John Mark (Roberts) is from Canada, and the other ten children are from Scotland. Their parents are Missionaries in Nigeria. Auntie and Uncle are the House Mother and Father in the Hostel where the children stay while attending school.)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 5th, 1965

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

WORLD THEME: "WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE?"

(The World Day of Prayer Service for 1965 was written by Mrs. Jesse Jai McNeil, a gifted and distinguished American Negro woman, wife of The Rev. Dr. Jesse Jai McNeil, minister of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Pasadena, California, who is the author of a number of devotional books, and a well-known Conference speaker.)

PRELUDE:

(A medley of the familiar hymns of the Church concluding with a prayer-hymn.) Let us give our hearts to God as we join in prayerful silence, ever mindful of our fellowship with those around the world who earnestly seek to walk worthy of their calling as Christians.

Leader: CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103: 1-4

INVOCATION:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, draw our thoughts to Thee in reverent worship. May our hearts be opened that Thou mayest come in; quiet our spirits that we may hear Thy voice in this place. Bless our coming together; even bless us with the visitation of Thy Holy Spirit that what we do this day may be acceptable to Thee and an honour to Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Congregation standing)

Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" No. 104

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, in every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord:
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES:

(Congregation standing)

Leader: O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
To him who alone does great wonders,
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
And rescued us from our foes,
He who gives food to all flesh.

People: O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Selected from Psalm 136).

(Congregation seated)

MEANING OF THS DAY

Leader: This is the World Day of Prayer. As is our custom we are gathered together with Christians around the world united in prayer for each other and for the needs of the world. Our world is in ferment. It is in an agony of rebirth. Old patterns of mankind's historical existence have been challenged.

In this crisis, the Church cannot be content anywhere in the world with being merely an unimaginative and conventional force for peace and freedom, for justice and righteousness. It is now called to a radical and deep involvement in the affairs of the world in the name of Christ. For if we would make our Christian witness effective in these revolutionary times, our prayer must become involvement, and involvement our most earnest prayer.

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Second Leader: Hear ye now what the Lord saith:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains and let the hills hear thy voice . . . for the Lord hath a controversy with his people . . . O my people, what have I done unto you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me: For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; . . . O my people, remember now . . . what happened . . . that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. (Micah 6: 1-4)

People: With what shall I come before the Lord, and shew myself before God on High? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? . . . Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? With ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Second Leader: He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God? (Micah 6: 6-8)

Let us read in unison a word concerning **Justice:**

People: Justice and only justice you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you. (Deut. 16: 20)

A man may say, "I am in the Light"; but if he hates his brother, he is still in the dark. Only the man who loves his brother dwells in light; there is nothing to make him stumble. But one who hates his brother is in darkness; he walks in the dark and has no idea where he is going, because the darkness has made him blind. (I John 2: 9-11)

Second Leader: Let us read in unison a word concerning **Mercy:**

People: And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' " (Matthew 9: 10-13)

Second Leader: Let us read in unison a word concerning **Humility:**

People: Humble yourselves then under God's mighty hand, and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge.

(I Peter 5: 6 & 7)

Second Leader: Let us pray:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who art the Source of all wisdom and knowledge, inspire us to a continuing diligent study of Thy Holy Word and to an openness of mind and heart to receive it. Our ignorance of Thee and Thy Word has led us into error, shame and evil. Deliver us, O God, that we may learn to love justice and mercy, and to walk humbly before Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Once to Every Man and Nation" (Tune: Beecher or Hyfrydol 8.7.8.7.D)

Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight;
And the choice goes by for ever
'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude makes virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs,
Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever
With the Cross that turns not back.
New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong,—
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own.

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION

(Congregation seated or kneeling)

Leader: Let us pray:

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to the multitude of thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Psalm 51: 1-3)

People: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to thee! (Psalm 102: 1)

Leader: Let me hear in the morning of thy steadfast love, for in thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143: 8)

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51: 10-11)

Leader: Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God:
Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path. (Psalm 143: 10)

Unison: Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139: 23-24)

PRAYERS OF PETITION

Third Leader: Remembering our own sins and transgressions, let us confess and engage in silent prayer for ourselves.

O God, our heavenly Father, Thou seekest us when we stray from Thee;
Forgive us for not desiring Thee as we ought.

(Pause)

We have not always remembered Thy mercies in the day of prosperity.
Forgive us this sin, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

(Pause)

We have professed our knowledge of Thee, and yet we have denied Thee in our conduct and deeds.
Help us, O God, to be truly repentant of our sins and forgive us.

(Pause)

We acknowledge that we are not courageous enough to suffer for our convictions, nor even to stand publicly for them.

O Gracious God, help us to please only Thee.

(Pause)

We have sacrificed our individuality in order to conform to the crowd.
Help us, O God, to find ourselves by truly finding Thee.

(Pause)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Each petition may be followed by silent prayer or prayer by one appointed.)

Fourth Leader: Mindful of the sins and transgressions of our governments and nations let us pray for our world today — for all nations and for their leaders. Let us pray for our own nation, for this land, for our cities, our villages, our neighborhoods.

(Pause)

Let us pray for all who labour for peace and justice.

(Pause)

Let us pray for all who engage in the healing of the sick, the relief of poverty, the rescue of the weak and the fallen.

(Pause)

Let us pray for the Church, for all Christians everywhere, for their families, for their homes, and for their earnest striving to be in miniature a family of God.

(Pause)

Let us pray for those who do not know Christ and the salvation He brings to all who believe in His name. Let us remember all who bear witness in His name at home and abroad.

(Pause)

May all receive God's love and grace to believe in Him.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 437

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

(Congregation seated)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

First Leader: Throughout all ages, people have sought to win God's favour by sacrifices. In early times these sacrifices were in the form of burnt offerings.

Later men learned to sacrifice something important, something more personal. In a world of turmoil among nations and strife among men, we, the children of God, must learn to give up the security of our ignorance, our complacency, and our prejudices in favour of obedience to God's will. God demands man's allegiance. Of all, He requires faith, repentance, and obedience.
He has promised good to all His children.
Let us listen prayerfully to the comforting words of our Lord.

Voices: (Amid the congregation)

(1) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)

(2) Let not your heart be troubled: . . . In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. (John 14: 1a, 2a)

(3) How blest are those who know they are poor; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
How blest are the sorrowful, they shall find consolation.
How blest are those of a gentle spirit; they shall have the earth for their possession.
How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they shall be satisfied.

(4) How blest are those who shew mercy; mercy shall be shown to them.
How blest are those whose hearts are pure; they shall see God.
How blest are the peacemakers; God shall call them His sons.
How blest are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of right; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

(5) How blest you are, when you suffer insults and persecution and every kind of slander for my sake. Accept it with gladness and exultation, for you have a rich reward in heaven; in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you. (Matthew 5: 3-12)

(6) If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me keep my commandments . . . I will not leave you comfortless. (John 14: 14-15, 18a)

Leader: Little children . . . A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you . . . By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples. (John 13: 33a, 34a, 35a)
Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. (Luke 12: 32)

Let us pray:
O Thou, who lovest us all and didst show Thy love for us in the gift of Thine only Son; we thank Thee for answering our uncertainties and doubts with the blessed assurance given in Thy Holy Word. Grant us the faith to affirm Thy loving care for all Thy people and the will and the power to serve Thee as Thy children, even to behave toward each other as brothers. Teach us, gracious Father, in all changes, adversity and distress, to wait on Thee. Our times are in Thy hand. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SOLO: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

BRIEF MESSAGE ON THE THEME: "What Doth the Lord Require!"

OUR GIFTS FOR THE PROJECTS

First Leader: It has been our custom from the early days of the World Day of Prayer to re-dedicate to God not only ourselves but also a portion of our material substance. This offering which we now bring to the altar will strengthen our united efforts in the mission of the Church at home and abroad.

Let us pray:

O God, be Thou pleased to glorify the Church and its mission through us. We lift up to Thee the work and workers far and near who benefit from our offerings. We pray Thee to guide those concerned with the Christian literature programmes throughout the world. Help us to give in love and generosity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERING WILL NOW BE RECEIVED

(Congregation standing)

DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow". No. 816

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

First Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. (I Peter 2:9)

People: Hearing Thy call, O Lord, we come to dedicate ourselves to Thee.

First Leader: Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, grant unto us the spirit of gratitude to match the privilege of being entrusted with the service in which we have engaged. Equip us with an inexhaustible patience to sustain us through the long reaches of time from one point of progress to the next.

Help us to be militant without being unkind; uncompromising without being intolerant; devoted without being bigoted.

Re-dedicate us to the work and the faith to which we have commited ourselves as Christians. Re-enforce our duty with loyalty. Strengthen and embolden our spirits, O God, who art **power.** Strengthen us so that it will no longer be we who are holding onto Thee — but Thou who hast **seized** and **possessed** us that we shall be steadier in our faith and more certain of the goals in the work we have undertaken. May we be faithful unto death, through Jesus Christ. our Lord, Who taught us to pray —

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN: "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended." No. 671

The day Thou gavest, Lord is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away.
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS — OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — *Armstrong* and *Vernon* W.M.S. women — and a few men —met in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon,* and enjoyed the reports, given by Mrs. J. E. Johnson, President of this Presbyterial, and Mrs. K. B. McKechnie, of the Annual Council Meetings and the Anniversaries Celebrations, held in *Montreal.* On display were W.M.S. historical photos, Overseas and B.C. Posters, the Westminster Presbyterial Illustrated History; the B.C. Book of Remembrance; and the beautiful panel embroidered by the women of *Formosa.*

Vernon members presented the Play, "The Atlin Nurses", written by the late Dr. David Smith. The "Nurses" were Mrs. Alena Pagan, Reg.N., and Miss Madge Pagan, President of the Women's Guild. Mrs. Stuart Muirhead, Auxiliary Vice-President, chaired the Women's Meeting, which decided to send two nurses to *Atlin,* in 1898, to open the first Presbyterian Hospital in Canada. "Ladies" at this pioneer Meeting were Mrs. George Boer; Mrs. John Bruce; Mrs. J. J. Carr; Mrs. Lillian Stewart; Mrs. Laura Elliott; and Mrs. Dorothy Murphy. Mrs. D. McC. Black, Auxiliary President, and Mrs. John McCullough, were the "miners."

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* the Guest Speaker was Miss Mary Fulton, on furlough from her Missionary Post at *El Banco, Colombia, South America.* She told of her work at many Stations there; of helping to organize schools; of the persecution which Protestant Missionaries and converts have to undergo. Slides accompanied her address. President, Mrs. W. Magee, conducted the Devotional Period.

The Rev. A. Bateson, *British Columbia* Secretary of the Missions to Lepers, was Guest Speaker at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* when he showed slides of his recent visit to Leprosariums of the *Orient.* Dr. Bateson also visited, and showed a picture of, the Happy Mount Leprosarium, under the Presbyterian Church in *Taiwan.* Mr. C. Lord, formerly of British Guiana, closed the Meeting by singing "The Lord's Prayer."

Using the Worship Service from the October "Glad Tidings," Mrs. J. S. Davidson and Mrs. A. McBeth, gave the Devotional Period at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. afternoon Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church. Mrs. G. M. Ledingham was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting account of the Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal,* describing the beautiful costumes portrayed by our Chinese and Overseas workers.

A "Panorama of Missions" was sponsored by British Columbia Synodical in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* with the purpose of acquainting all adults, young people, and boys and girls, of the Mission work carried on through our National and Overseas Mission Fields. Dr. Oliver Nugent, Superintendent of Missions for B.C., opened the "Panorama", and Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker. Musical selections were contributed by the young people of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* All of the following day, the "Panorama" was continued, with film strips shown on the work of our Missionaries in *Nigeria, India, Formosa,* and the *British Columbia* area, as well as the Leprosy Work in the *Orient.* Guests also enjoyed the recording of Sacred Songs by the Girls' Choir of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, at *Kenora, Ontario.*

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Dr. J. L. W. McLean was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, and gave an inspiring Address on the Meetings of the World Presbyterian Alliance in *Frankfort-on-Main, Germany,* which he and Mrs. McLean had the privilege of attending. President, Mrs. M. P. M. Henry, presided. Mrs. F. O. Jenkinson conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. D. Gosse was soloist.

At the Opening Fall Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* Mrs. J. L. W. McLean gave an interesting talk on the many different Women's Meetings she had the opportunity of attending during this past year — in *Scotland, Ireland, Nigeria,* and *Germany,* and also the Anniversaries Meetings in *Montreal.* She told of visiting native Churches, Schools, and Hospitals in *Nigeria,* and related many personal experiences among these zealous Christians. Dr. and Mrs. McLean had the rare privilege of being with their son, the Rev. Walter McLean, his wife and baby boy, in *Nigeria,* when Dr. McLean officiated at the baptism of his Grandson.

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THE UNITED NATIONS "MEDITATION ROOM"

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

"A ROOM OF QUIET"—that is how Dag Hammerskjold, the brilliant and self-effacing Statesman from Sweden, spoke of it when he stood within it, in his official capacity as Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the Opening Day of this little "Oasis of Peace," set apart in the midst of the confusion of the thousands of people, constantly rushing back and forth throughout the many floors of this great building on the shore of the East River, in New York City.

There is, indeed, something very impressive and uplifting about this small sanctuary of stark simplicity and silence—no symbols, anywhere, of any faith or creed; only a great block of plain iron ore set in the very centre of the room, and upon this a broad shaft of mellow light constantly falling from above; and, in the front wall, a strangely satisfying simple design, done by a well-known Swedish artist, which, somehow, seems to give the feeling of space, freedom, and the surge of immensity. One cannot imagine strife or arrogance, or small mean thoughts, in such a room as this! To have had the privilege of pausing, even for a little while, quietly within those calm and peaceful encompassing walls, is to have experienced something that cannot be described—something that can never be forgotten. It must be *felt*—and it *is* felt, daily, by untold numbers of statesmen, delegates, and ordinary every-day folk who come as visitors, and who turn aside there from their problems, and from the general rush of life and living, to enter, for a little while, into silent communion with their God, within this hallowed spot.

Only Dag Hammerskjold, who was once the Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in his native Sweden, and in the course of time, became truly a martyr to the cause of peace, could express in words the true meaning of this dedicated "Room of Quiet." These were his words on that Opening Day—

"We all have within us a centre of stillness, surrounded by silence. This United Nations Building, a house, dedicated to work and debate in the service of peace, should have one room dedicated to silence in the outward sense, and stillness in the inner sense. It has been the aim to create in this small room a place where the doors may be always open to the infinite lands of thought and prayer.

"People of many faiths will meet here, and, for that reason, none of the symbols to which we are accustomed in our meditation could be used. However, there are simple things which speak to us all with the same language. We have sought for such things, and we believe that we have found them in the shaft of light, striking the shimmering surface of solid rock. So, in the middle of the room, we see a symbol of how, daily, the light of the skies gives life to the earth on which we stand—a symbol to many of us of how the light of the spirit gives life to matter.

"But the stone in the middle of the room has more to tell us. We may see it as an altar, empty, not because it is an altar to an unknown god, but because it is dedicated to the God whom man worships, under many names and in many forms. The stone in the middle of the room reminds us, also, of the firm and permanent in a world of movement and change. The block of iron ore has the weight and solidity of the everlasting. It is a reminder of that corner-stone of endurance and faith, on which all human endeavour must be based.

"The material of the stone leads our thoughts to the necessity for choice, between destruction and construction, between war and peace. Of iron, man has forged his swords; of iron, he has also made his ploughshares. Of iron, he has constructed tanks, but, of iron, he has likewise built homes for man. The block of iron ore is part of the wealth we have inherited on this earth of ours. How are we to use it?

"The shaft of light strikes the stone, in a room of utter simplicity. There are no other symbols; there is nothing to distract our attention, or to break in on the stillness within ourselves. When our eyes travel from these symbols to the front wall, they meet a simple pattern, opening up the room to the harmony, freedom, and balance of space.

"There is an ancient saying that the sense of a vessel is not in its shell, but in the void. So it is with this room. It is for those who come here to fill the void, with what they can find in their own centre of stillness."

Not too long after those words were spoken, this great man, known to this day as "the leading citizen of the world," was to meet a sudden tragic death in an airplane accident, which filled every peace-loving heart in the world with a sorrow that was almost personal. For him, "the void" was soon filled with what he had found in his own "centre of stillness." And when I heard it, I thought of that sunny morning, when we stood in the great and beautiful Cathedral of Uppsala, in Sweden, and remembered that young boy whose home had been a massive 15th Century Castle placed on the highest hill in Uppsala by the old King Gustavas Vasa, so as to dominate the Cathedral, and symbolize the supremacy of State over Church. Perhaps it was this environment which helped to shape his character, as he travelled up and down the narrow dirt path which still leads from his Castle-home to the School below which he attended, and to the vast old-world Cathedral which came to mean so much to him as life brought wisdom, great judgement, and prodigious knowledge.

That day, the clear warm sunshine fell in muted beauty through the magnificent stained-glass windows, and from high at the rear of the great Sanctuary, all of a sudden, there soared through the stillness the golden notes of one of the loveliest contralto voices I have ever heard, and the deep melodious undertones of one of the finest pipe-organs in Sweden. There was to be a wedding in the Cathedral that afternoon, and this was the Soloist, rehearsing her Solo—so we were told. How fortunate we were to be there just at that hour — and how precious a memory!

For it was here, in this beautiful Cathedral-Sanctuary, that Dag Hammerskjold's body was to lie in state, as all of Sweden honoured him; and from here he was buried, with all the national honours and pomp usually reserved for Sweden's Kings. All the way from Stockholm to Uppsala and the Cathedral—forty-five miles along a road bordered with great old trees, just beginning to tinge with Autumn colouring—some 250,000 people lined the roadside that day, and, later, for three hours in the Cathedral, sorrowing people, five abreast, filed up the aisle and silently passed the closed casket of the quiet and reserved beloved native son, who was truly one of themselves, as well as one of "Sweden's Great"—a marvellous Civil Servant in his own land long years before he came to be Secretary General of the United Nations, where he never ceased to work and pray for peace, justice, and freedom. Truly, a life well lived, and a memory to be revered!

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THOU REMAINEST

by J. Danson Smith

When from my life the old-time joys have vanished,
Treasures, once mine, I may no longer claim,
This truth may feed my hungry heart and famished,
Lord, Thou remainest! Thou art still the same!

When streams have dried — those streams of glad refreshing,
Friendships so blest, so pure, so rich, so free;
When sun-kissed skies give place to clouds depressing,
Lord, Thou remainest! Still my heart hath Thee.

PRAYER

by MRS. ROY (PEGGY) MERCER

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Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we come before Thee to give our most humble and heartfelt thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men.

We thank Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but, above all, we give thanks for Thy redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ. We beseech, O Loving Saviour, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving-up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in righteousness all our days.

Help us, our Father, to put our whole trust in Thee, resting in the assurance that Thou art with us. Day by day, may we grow in faith, in self-denial, in charity, and in heavenly-mindedness. Teach us to put to good account whatever talents Thou hast lent to us, and enable us to redeem our time by patience and zeal.

We pray to Thee for our brethren in all parts of the world, and especially for those who are in sorrow and affliction. Pour out Thy loving care upon them, so that they may know that Thou art with them always.

We pray for the Queen, and for all who are in positions of authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Grant, O Lord, that we may endeavour to understand the needs, the feelings, the endowments, and the traditional aspirations of other countries, as well as our own.

We pray Thee for parents and for children, that purity, love, and honour, may dwell in our homes, and that duty and affection may be the bond of all family life. Help us to walk amidst the things of this world with eyes open to the beauty and glory of the Eternal, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of this life, our hearts may there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

"EXCITING TIMES IN NIGERIA"

by MISS DOROTHY BULMER

EVERY NIGERIAN loves a child, and the birth of a baby calls for great rejoicing — songs, dances, and white chalk marks on wrists and necks of the mother and female relatives, to tell all of the wonderful event. Nowadays, Christians can rejoice even more so, because a little child has a greater opportunity to know God's way, and to experience a life of 'new dignity' and self-respect — unknown to all men until Christ comes into their lives.

Over a hundred years ago, a few followers of Jesus Christ had a compelling desire to share His way with others, and into our area in Eastern Nigeria they came. These were the Scots, who established Schools and Hospitals, trained Ministers and Evangelists, and are still there working with their Nigerian comrades, now trained and capable in God's work. (We joined the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria in 1954.) God has worked wonders in the past, and there are many, many stories to tell of the impact of the Gospel in Nigeria.

Nigeria — this big, booming country — the most populous in Africa — 45 million — and a little over half the size of Ontario — can thank God she is what she is today. It is a country with over 250 language groups, and English is the language learned by every school boy, as well as his own. Independent since 1960, and in the Commonwealth, Nigeria is full of visions and enthusiasm, and a desire to be the leading nation in Africa. All the potential is there, and she desires nothing of Communism or the 'extremism' of nations tinged in this manner. Unfortunately, in new, growing countries, materialism can be the most dangerous threat. Pray that this 'threat' may not become a 'god' as it has in so many nations.

I'd like to tell about some of Nigeria's own people who have been influenced by the Church, in order that we may realize what the past has reaped, and what the future could hold. Some are well known and others are not so famous:—

Sir Francis Ibiam: — Sir Francis, Governor of the Eastern Region (3 regions in Nigeria), and a medical Doctor and Missionary to his own people, is an outstanding example of a man of Christ, who has ministered unto others, because he is a Christman.

Ma Eke: — This wonderful lady once had leprosy, and was cured in one of our Church Hospitals. A woman with a very strong mind, she refused to go to the Church on the Hospital grounds. Excusing herself, she said, "I came for the white man's medicine, not the white man's religion." Eventually, through curiosity, she went, came to understand the love of Christ, and accepted it. When the big day came at the Hospital, when many were discharged as 'cured', there was (and always is) great rejoicing. Dancing, singing, feasting, and tears of happiness, completed the day. Back to her village Ma Eke went. What a wonder to others she was, as she could read and write, and tell Bible stories. Soon a group of women in her village caught her enthusiasm and devotion for Christ, and now in Ike (EEHE) there is a very active women's group in the Church, all because of one village woman, who likely never dreamed that God was preparing her to carry out His work. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me."

Miss Inyang: — A young teacher, she helps in leading one of the Christian Girls' Club Groups, as well as teaching Sunday School and a class of illiterate girls. All of these projects are after school hours. She is only one example of many others, who are giving time and talent to help others.

Miss Comfort Ejere: — Now we have a young Nigerian woman studying at Ewart College, in the three-year course for Deaconesses. Many opportunities unfold to her, and we, in turn, are grateful that we will be drawn closer to our friends in Nigeria through their representative here. What an opportunity we have to learn more of her people, and God's concern for them!

THE EJERE TWINS

Miss Comfort Ejere (right) and her twin sister Orie.

Rev. Inya Ude: — When Inya went into the Ministry, it was a big step — not only for him but for his family. Inya will not make the money that he would in a Government job, and in turn he cannot put as many of his own nieces and nephews through school. But Inya will not be forgotten in Canada, and we were fortunate in having him for four years, while he studied for his B.A. and his B.D. degrees. God used Inya to prick many hearts here into action, and to ask ourselves "what is Christ's mission all about?"

And so the Church in Nigeria is strong, because of people like these. Miss Ejere has even initiated a programme called the Forward Movement, that through prayer, education, and sincere giving in time, money and talent, she will become even stronger. Every member gives 5% of his earnings to the church. That means a young Nigerian man, who earns $180.00 a year, gives $9.00 to the Church. Out of a special fund, the Nigerian Church supports around 17 students yearly, in higher education, at home and overseas.

Advice, technical aid, and the experience of others, are needed and wanted in many areas of the work. In working along with the Nigerian we will grow ourselves, and the peace that only can come from knowing and following Jesus Christ will be known to all.

Do we really believe that Christ is for the world — Canada, India, Japan, Nigeria, etc. ?

What a tremendous responsibility we have because we are Christians, and Christians are concerned with others! God has truly blessed us all, by giving us such nations as Nigeria to enrich our lives, and to work along with us in order that His kingdom may reign over the world.

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DWELL DEEP!

Dwell deep! The little things that chafe and fret,
Oh, waste not golden hours to give them heed!
The slight, the thoughtless wrong, do thou forget;
Be self-forgot in serving others' need.
Thou, faith in God, through love for man, shall keep.
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!
Dwell deep! Forgo the pleasure if it bring
Neglect of duty; consecrate each thought;
Believe thou in the good of everything,
And trust that all unto the wisest end is wrought.
Bring thou this comfort unto all who weep:
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep! (Selected)

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

In the November issue, we anticipated the arrival in Canada of *Miss Anne Howson* and *Miss Elsie Taylor* from Nigeria, and *Miss Merle McGowan* from British Guiana. These Overseas staff members arrived home in the order they are written. *Miss Howson* has spent the past months in her home in London, Ontario. She will be doing some deputation in Eastern Canada the early months of 1965, until her return to Nigeria. *Miss Elsie Taylor* spent the first months of her furlough in British Columbia. She began deputation in January in British Columbia Synodical. She is planning to return to Nigeria in late April or early May.

Miss Merle McGowan arrived home from British Guiana late in November. She spent the early part of her furlough at her home in Northside, Saskatchewan. It is expected that she may be meeting some of the groups in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Miss Tamiko Nakamura completed her three-year short term in Japan the end of November. She returned to her home in Vancouver in mid-December.

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The Fiftieth Anniversary of Amkhut Church!

(Excerpt from recent letter from Miss Beatrice Scott, of Amkhut, M.P. India)

"Another event of note, in 1964, was the recent celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the building of the Amkhut Church, the first in this area. This was planned for the closing day of the Church Council Meeting, which was held there. The Rev. Angus MacKay, of Jhansi was the Special Speaker. He spoke of the meaning of the Jubilee Year, as recorded in the Old Testament. Several members of Church Council took part in the Service, and John Chimliya, the oldest Elder, who remembered the building of the Church, told a little about its history.

He paid tribute to Dr. Buchanan and the first members of the Church, and to others. The Church had been newly whitewashed, and decorations of streamers and plants gave a festive air. After the Service, tea was served to more than 400 people, who sat on the grass near the mango trees, under which was the fire where the tea was made. Pray that this congregation, and all those in the area, may go forward with greater zeal in their witness for Christ."

Your Prayers are asked

—For those who plan for, and participate in, Presbyterial and Synodical Annual Meetings, that all who share in them may be challenged to greater effort in His Service.

—For all who work with Church School teachers in the understanding and use of curriculum, that those who are taught may be led to a true understanding of the Christian faith.

—For our National Missionaries, Miss Dorothy McCombie, serving in the city of Winnipeg, and Miss Ruby Walker, in the Regent Park area of Toronto, that their ministry of love to the people of the Inner City may be richly blessed, and result in many people having a deeper understanding of Christ's love, in the months ahead.

—We give grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for the recovery of Miss Ruby Walker, from the injuries received in a recent car accident.

—For the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. Pray that those who are called to leadership may have strength of mind and spirit to continue in this leadership.

—For the young people in this young country. Pray that, in the schools and colleges of Nigeria, they may be trained to fulfill their purpose, under God. Pray for those who are studying abroad, that in the Western world they may find only those things which will help them to serve as God would have them serve.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - November 1964

	Adult Membership	1963	1964	Towards 1963 Deficit
British Columbia ...	1,302	$ 7,554.75	$ 8,765.91	$ 372.19
Alberta	1,304	6,670.40	8,704.93	346.21
Saskatchewan	955	4,004.98	5,814.25	1,106.16
Manitoba	1,258	6,375.23	7,411.16	1,954.23
Hamilton & London	9,095	65,878.34	81,660.83	367.77
Toronto & Kingston	10,907	72,567.00	79,665.45	1,995.24
Montreal & Ottawa .	4,559	35,812.79	38,826.57	428.00
	29,380	$198,863.49	$230,849.10	$6,569.80
			Special Gifts:	8,131.40

GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES TO DATE .. $343,940.85

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (E.D.) — PART I — 1876-1915

by MRS. A. J. CARMICHAEL
The Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division

THE SPARK THAT LIT THE TORCH of Missions for the women of the Atlantic Provinces was kindled on the other side of the world. John Geddie, the man called of God to spearhead Foreign Missions for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, had gone to the New Hebrides in 1848. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the church in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. His mission with its thrilling successes, and tragic martyrdom of the Gordons, so stirred the church to further endeavour that work was also established in Trinidad, British Guiana, and Korea before the end of the century.

In this advance, the women felt called to a special ministry, among women and children in these lands. Accordingly, a meeting of organization took place in Halifax, in 1876, and The Halifax Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (E.D.) was formed. Its members were interested women in the area, and the first President was Mrs. R. F. Burns. Other officers were elected, and a constitution adopted.

Prior to this, women were active in their own congregations, urging the establishing of Churches in local areas. As early as 1825, The Female Society for Propagating The Gospel In Foreign Lands was organized at Malpeque, P.E.I. Its Home Mission consisted of raising money for purchasing Bibles and Psalm books for those wishing to buy them, and helping to pay the salary of a Missionary for the scattered settlements. In other places the Sewing Circle was the forerunner of many Auxiliaries. In 1877, the Truro Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed. It continued in that area, organizing Auxiliaries until 1887 when it became Truro Presbyterial, and merged with the larger Society.

Growth was slow at first, but gradually opposition to women's activities in the church was overcome, and, with encouragement from the Clergy, work expanded. At the first Annual Meeting of the Halifax W.F.M.S., in 1878, there were six Auxiliaries and one hundred and seventy-six members. One of these Auxiliaries was in St. John's, Newfoundland, another in Windsor, Nova Scotia. The "modest sum of $912.19" was reported. This was two years after organization, and now the first Missionary was sent out, in the person of Miss Blackadder, as teacher for East Indian children in Trinidad. Her salary of $400 was paid, and $353 given to Zenana Mission, India. Of this latter amount, $323 was from St. John's—Miss Forrester from there having gone to this Mission. (See "Call and Response"—page 48.)

John Geddie, on furlough in 1863, brought new vision to the home church, and in 1882 Miss Blackadder visited many places telling of the work in Trinidad, giving needed fresh impetus. Halifax Presbyterial was formed in 1884, and with Truro in 1887 the Society became the W.F.M.S. By 1899, there were seven Presbyterials in Nova Scotia, two in New Brunswick, and one in Prince Edward Island. The Society was active in all of the Maritime Synod, with many Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, and Young Ladies' Branches. In 1905, Home Missions were included in its work, and the name became the W.F. and H.M.S. In 1915 it became the W.M.S.

In early years, the Society concentrated on Overseas work. (See "Call and Response"—page 48, para. 2.) They gave generously to the New Hebrides, and had a particular interest in the Santo Training Institute. In their report of 1911, $1,650 was given, and the President, Miss C. Carmichael, spoke of the "momentum" given the whole church by this Mission.

When work was established in Trinidad, where Miss Blackadder had gone, requests for more teachers necessitated a change in policy. Auxiliaries had been giving to projects of their choice; now the Board decided better work could be done with more systematic distribution of funds; so they were asked to pool resources and support three lady Missionaries in Trinidad, which they did. Two names receive special mention in the early reports: Miss Blackadder, who gave thirty-six years to teaching East Indian children, and Miss Adela Archibald, who was first Principal of Iere Home and School for girls in Princetown, and later Principal of Naparima High School in San Fernando. The support of three lady Missionaries, and assistance with buildings, continued through the years. In 1911, $8,400 went to this work.

British Guiana is first mentioned in 1889, when money was sent to Demerara. This mission was also to the East Indians, and by 1911 support amounted to $4,250. This early assistance helped to lay the foundation of the Guiana church. (See "Call and Response" page 74.)

The Eastern Board of the Church, urged by the W.M.S., opened work in Korea in 1898. Three years later, Dr. Kate MacMillan and Miss Robb, the first lady Missionaries, were sent there by the W.M.S. They were followed by Miss Mair in 1905, who later married Dr. L. L. Young. She died in 1915. Miss Louise McCully came into the mission, from China, after the Boxer uprising. She and her sister, Elizabeth, were influential in establishing the Martha Wilson Institute for training Women Workers. In 1911, the Society gave $6,800, plus $281 for Girls' Schools.

It was 1905 before Home Mission work was undertaken officially by the Society. The next ten years were to see great expansion in this department. A certain amount had always been done, in an unofficial way, for the Great North West. Now English-speaking Missionaries and students in the West, and a Galician Missionary and class in Winnipeg, were assisted. In the East, support was given work in Labrador, Newfoundland, and among the thousands of Europeans who had come to work in coal and steel industries. Bursaries were provided for men and women.

In order to circulate Missionary information, a Committee issued a monthly Leaflet beginning in May 1893. Mrs. Robbins, Truro, was the first Editor, and Dr. W. McCulloch chose the motto text—"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach . . . to every nation, and kindred and people." (Rev. 14:6.) After the first issue it was called "The Message." It was an eight-page publication, and cost was one cent per month. Several Editors served for short periods until 1907, when Mrs. William Macnab was appointed. She was Editor-in-Chief for thirty years.

(Note: The story of the Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.) will be given in two parts. We are pleased to have these articles which, along with "Call and Response," give us a more complete picture of the way in which women organized to assist in the Mission work of the Church. This information will be most helpful, as groups prepare to use Programmes II, III, and IV, in the 1964-65 *Adult Study Packet "Mission on Our Doorstep".)*

ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS . . .

The month of February will see two Regional Secretaries of the Organization Staff — Miss Margaret Boyd and Miss Clare Hanes — begin a period of study furlough. Our best wishes go with them as they are privileged to participate in classes at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

MEETING HUMAN NEED

(Sermon preached by the Rev. A. A. Bethune at the Dedication of Presbyterian Fellowship House, Prince Albert, October 9th, 1964.)

MATTHEW 25:31-46.

The Gospel has social dimensions! The Gospel is "Good News!" Good news about an 'Act of God'—which issues not only in talk but in action, not only in worship to God but in love to neighbour.

It is my sincere hope and earnest prayer that this will be true of Presbyterian Fellowship House, here in Prince Albert. I hope it will be good news to young people, whatever their background, whatever their financial circumstances—that they can live in decent surroundings, that they may have the benefit of guidance from people who are *for* them. Not people who would determine their life, but who will give them a chance for a more useful and more complete life; an opportunity to live in surroundings that speak good news; that some people are concerned; that some people have noticed the plight of their brothers—that some people have been concerned enough to do something about it.

But friends! Let this not be a lever to ease our conscience; to feel that because we have something visible to which we can point, to say to our neighbours or to ourselves "this is our social concern" in Prince Albert Presbytery, or in the Synod of Saskatchewan, or in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rather, let this be a visible reminder of our continuous need for social action of our stewardship of our possessions, our homes, our cars, our Church facilities, our friendship, etc. These are things that we have a duty to share with our brothers in need. May Presbyterian Fellowship House remind us that it was necessary, because we live in a sick world — BLINDED by prejudice, HARDENED by self-centredness—STYMIED by thankless hearts.

Yet, located right in "a sea of turmoil" that seems indifferent as to whom it gobbles up or casts upon some lonely shore, for some this House will be like a lighthouse, breaking through that thick wall of darkness which holds back people of the world from really becoming brothers—from really sharing the gifts of their Maker.

Friends, when we come to that point in our Service, this night of dedicating this Hosue, may we never think of the nature of the work represented here as an extra! As a frill! As chrome on our 'Presbyterian Van!' or as window dressing in our "Presbyterian Store of Generosity!" But rather may we view it as a sample of the "Presbyterian Product," that the kind of good news represented here is a part of our day-to-day business.

The value, which Jesus sets upon love of the needy and afflicted, comes out in the vivid description of the sentence to be pronounced at the Last Judgment, as is recorded in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25:

> "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:
> For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat:
> I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink.
> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in:
> Naked, and ye clothed me not:
> Sick, and in prison and ye visited me not."
> "God will judge us in accordance with our reaction to human need."*

And this is a ministry not just for the professional worker BUT FOR ALL CHRISTIANS. Note the things Jesus mentions—giving a hungry man a meal, or a thirsty man a drink, welcoming a stranger, cheering the sick, visiting the prisoner. These things do not presume the necessity of special training or wealth, but are simply a matter of giving the common help which we can all offer at some time; help that is desired by the average people we meet day by day.

In setting apart this House for the purpose of "Meeting Human Need" by seeking His blessing Who gave Himself for us, may He recall us to this "our business," wherever we serve.

Through the efforts of all of us, under our Lord, may Presbyterian Fellowship House represent His outgoing compassion that can never be held within these walls, but which will flood out into the hostile world, with the young people who shall stay here.

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* *From The Daily Study Bible (Gospel of Matthew Vol. 2) by William Barclay, The Saint Andrew Press, June,* 1958.

TAKE NOTE — ALL EVENING GROUPS!
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Be sure to include in your plans for the Spring of 1965, this important event!

APRIL 30th — MAY 1st — MAY 2nd

The Biennial Conference will be held
in
Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ont.

THEME: "SO SEND I YOU"

Arrange to have your Group well represented to share in this Week-End of Fellowship.

Further information will be received by groups in due course.

REST!

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37-7)

There is no music in a *rest,* but there is the making of music in it. In our whole life-melody the music is broken off here and there by *rests,* and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the theme. God sends a time of forced leisure, sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives. We lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missing, in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator. How does the musician read the *rest?* See him beat the time with unvarying count, and catch up the next note true and steady, as if no breaking-place had come between.

Not without design, does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune, and not be dismayed at the *rests.* They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the key-note. If we look up, God Himself will beat the time for us. With the eye on Him, we shall strike the next note full and clear. If we sadly say to ourselves, there is no music in a *rest,* let us not forget *there is the making of music in it.* The making of music is often a slow and painful process in this life. How patiently God works to teach us! How long He waits for us to learn the lesson.

(John Ruskin)

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

by

(MRS. C. M.) ISABEL LOVEYS

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Mrs. Jesse Jai McNeil, Author of World Day of Prayer Service.

EACH YEAR, Canadian reports reveal the warmth of the fellowship enkindled, and the new insights gained, through the observance of The World Day of Prayer.

A remote settlement on the Prairies reports: — "Sunshine, ploughed roads, publicity, and good arrangements made our Day of Prayer. We met in a farm house ten miles from the nearest Church. There were Anglican, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian and United Church women present. The music for the Service had been put on tape by one of our organists. The prayers were read with meaning and dignity. The responses were sincere. And after the service and fellowship, we all felt it was good for us to be here."

A group of women in Quebec reveal their appreciation of the Day: — "It is a wonderful experience to be part of the World Day of Prayer Service, linking our Christian faith with other Christian women all over the world. In our 1964 Service, "Let us Pray," we found love, patience, and understanding of all that was good; remembering as we prayed together, all the tragedies, heartaches, suffering and hunger throughout the whole world, and that we were uniting our effort to take His word, through prayer and service, unto the icebound northern lands, and the far-flung isles of the sea."

Indian women in Moose Factory told us: "Our groups had a combined Service, dividing the programme, and each taking a part. The older Indian women, who can read little English, learned the prayers through the help of younger members of the family. The little church, heated by a log fire, was made ready for the Service, which was shared by grandmothers, mothers, young women, girls and children. It was a highlight in the life of the Church."

Each year brings new adventures, the most interesting in 1964 being the request, from the BBC in London, England, for a tape telling of our Canadian observance. This was used in the week preceding the World Day of Prayer on their devotional programme, "Lift up Your Hearts." This tape told of a Service in Newfoundland, where women came to a hilltop church when the howling wind threatened its foundations. In spite of the storm, which began before noon, at Service time dark forms of women, against the snow and the gale, were seen approaching the Church. The thought that their little Island could be joined to the whole world in prayer had really captured their imagination, and they had to attend. The tape also told of the 3,500 centres where Canadian women share the day with Christian women in all the nations of the Commonwealth, and finally told the story of the dispersal of our offering to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Prayer and action, like faith and works, are inseparable and, on the World Day of Prayer, our realization of this is expressed through our Offering, which is largely given to help satisfy the universal hunger in the world today for the printed word. Because of the increasing generosity of Canadian women, each year we are able to respond to new appeals. One of the most interesting of these this year, was a request for assistance in establishing a Church Book Store in the New Hebrides, where the Reverend John Geddie, and the two Gordons, were among the first Missionaries to bring the Gospel to the peoples of these Islands. The venture of assisting in supplying a Bookstore where none exists; in supplying Christian literature to a growing Church; in helping to educate New Hebrideans, was most appealing. The attractively-illustrated literature which comes from Communist presses has not yet found its way to this remote corner of the Pacific. How opportune it is when the Church can establish its Bookstore first!

In 1965 the World Day of Prayer will be observed on the first Friday in Lent, March 5th. The author of the service is Pearl Walker McNeil, a gifted and distinguished American Negro, who shows forth her Christian witness both in the work of the church and in the world. She is the wife of The Reverend Jesse Jai McNeil, Author and Minister, and they are the parents of four teenagers, two boys and two girls. In Pasadena, California, where she lives, she is a member of Women Voters, and the Chairman of the World Service Committee of the Y.W.C.A. She was recognized by the late President Kennedy as one of the 300 Women Leaders in the United States, when he invited her to a special Conference in the White House, the outcome of which was the formation of a Women's National Committee on Civil Rights. In Detroit, her former home, she was named "Layman of the Year" by the Detroit Council of Churches. She was the first Negro, and the second woman, to receive this citation. She is now a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. In 1961 she led the Prayer Fellowship in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, which was held in observance of the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. Her choice as author of the 1965 service is most timely, in view of the international and interracial problems in the world today.

She selected as her theme the challenging question, "What doth the Lord require?", and in her service she expresses the answer in terms of involvement in these words: — "As is our custom, we are gathered together with Christians around the world, united in prayer for each other, and for the needs of the world. Our world is in ferment. It is in an agony of rebirth. Old patterns of mankind's historical existence have been challenged. In this crisis the Church cannot be content, anywhere in the world, with being merely an unimaginative and conventional force for peace and freedom, for justice and righteousness. It is now called to a radical and deep involvement in the affairs of the world in the name of Christ. If we would make our Christian witness effective in these revolutionary times, our prayers must become *involvement,* and *involvement* our most earnest prayer."

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ADVENTURING WITH GOD

Lord of life and death,
We thank Thee for the great adventure of life,
With its untold possibilities,
Its incalculable chances,
Its mighty opportunities.
We thank Thee that, for those who dwell with Thee,
Each day opens new a continent of vivid experience;
For Thy love is new every morning,
And life with Thee is daily born again from its beginning.
(Selected)

NOTICE

1965 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, MARCH 5th

THEME — WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE?

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Adult	Order of Service in English	2c	each
	Order of Service in French	2c	each
	Order of Service in Chinese	2c	each
	Order of Service in Japanese	2c	each
Girls'	Order of Service	1½c	each
Children's	Order of Service	1½c	each

Copies of the Adult Service in Braille are free on request.
Posters 10c each
Film Strip "Around the World in Prayer" $1.50 (Prepared in '63)

Leader's Guide	Free on Request
History of the World Day of Prayer	
Story of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada	
Planning for the World Day of Prayer	

Orders should be sent to:

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada,
97 Saint George Street,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Orders must be received in the office not later than February 19th, 1965

THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday May 10th, to Friday May 14th, 1965, inclusive. Further information will be given next month.

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Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

"Of many minds—and many matters!"

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WOMEN OF LIGHT

By Walter Russell Bowie

This is a delightful book, as well as a noteworthy one, as anyone who has read the Author's previous book "Men of Fire" will realize. Here are presented the true-life portraits of 20 wonderful, but humbly unassuming, women, who were impelled by the spirit within them, to make a remarkable imprint on the world of their own time, from the early Bible days, to those of our own era—Joan of Arc, the French peasant girl who was Jeanette Pucelle; Elizabeth Fry, the gentle Quaker girl who, horrified at the treatment of women prisoners at the infamous Newgate Prison, eventually succeeded in driving out of practice entirely the then-accepted inhumanities of prison life; Eleanor Roosevelt; and many others, equally famous now, but then, just ordinary women, whose indomitable characters could not, and would not, permit them to stand aside and allow flagrant wrongs to go unchallenged. None could read these incisive vignettes without sensing their challenge and inspiration. Price—$4.35.

GIVE MY HEART

By Marion O. Robinson

Of our own time and knowledge, this biography of Dr. Marion Hilliard, the beloved and brilliant Physician, who died in 1958, and whose name and reputation spread far beyond the bounds of Toronto and the evolution of the Women's College Hospital, is fascinating and worth-while reading. From its pages there emerges a clear portrait of this amazing and distinguished Canadian woman, whose warm personality and forthright honesty of purpose and principle helped her to overcome both obstacles and prejudice among members of her own profession, and to win the devotion of thousands of patients, whom she helped and encouraged throughout the years. She had a particularly large obstetrical practice, and she also used her keen mind and gifted pen to write both Articles and Books, concerning women and their special needs and problems. All the Royalties from her writing went to her beloved Women's College Hospital, but even then she was criticized by some of the medical profession. This, however, bothered her not at all. Her answer was succinct and to the point—"Women have a right to know the truth about themselves," was her reply, "Doctors are *not* a race apart from their patients!" And by that creed she lived—and served, with honesty and respect. Price—$5.95.

WORKING WITH GOD

By Costen J. Harrell

This is a pocket-sized edition of a much larger book of the same Title, written by Bishop Costen Harrell, of the American Methodist Church, who has now retired from his diocese. The sixty splendid Devotionals in this book were originally prepared for his weekly Church Bulletin, and each is a simple interpretation of some phase of our Christian faith. In my opinion, these are very fine indeed, whether used for quiet individual reading, or used in the Devotional Period of any Group Meeting. Each is based on a Scriptural text, and here are some of the Titles—"The Triumph of Wings; New Every Morning; Where Is God?; A Bridle For the Tongue; How God Forgives; Quieting Our Cares; The Gentleness of God." Price, Paper—$1.00.

THE QUIET WAY
BLESSED ARE THEY
THE JOY OF LIFE

Patience Strong is the Author of these three lovely little books, which are truly rewarding to look through, as well as to treasure and read. They are about 5 in. x 4 in. in size—exactly right to pop into a purse or pocket; to leave on a bedside table in Hospital or Nursing Home; to slip into a letter or note—but each page of "prose-verse" has opposite it a beautiful full-size picture, which is worth the price of the booklet alone. Each little booklet has 31 pages, and here is the table of contents of one, "The Joy of Life,"—"Live by Faith; Good Intentions; Winter Roses; The Golden Morning; Try to Understand; Autumn Colours; Cheerfulness; Pray About It; Never Give Up; Going Away; Apples; There Comes a Time; Advent." Price—25c each.

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LITTLE THINGS !

Oh, it's just the little homely things,
The unobtrusive, friendly things,
The "won't you let me help you"
things
That make our pathway light.

And it's just the jolly joking things,
The 'never mind the trouble" things,
The "laugh with me — it's funny"
things
That make the world seem light.

So here's to all the little things,
The "done and then forgotten"
things
Those "oh, it's simply nothing"
things
That make life worth the fight!

(Selected)

WHAT WERE YOU DOING FIFTY YEARS AGO

PART I

ACROSS CANADA 50,000 teenage girls are helping to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Girls in Training. This celebration would not have been possible without the hundreds of women who through the years were the girls and leaders of this special Programme for girls.

Back in 1915, a small group of women were very busy planning and plotting for an organization to be known as Canadian Girls In Training. Once the plans had been made, they had to be shared with women and girls across Canada. The first people to spread the good news were Y.W.C.A. workers.

One of the first groups on the west coast was begun by Mrs. J. E. MacKenzie, of New Westminster, British Columbia, sometime during the period of 1915-1917. She recalls that a Y.W.C.A. worker arrived to see her one day. Mrs. MacKenzie tells the story this way: "This lady said to me, "If you have a Sunday School class of girls, you ought to have a CGIT group too." I told her I'd be glad to have one, but what is it? She told me to bring my girls to a big Rally, and we would find out. The Board of Managers gave us a grant of $10.00 and we went to the Rally. At our first meeting I told the girls: "We borrowed $10.00 from the Board and we must pay it back at once." We made aprons and sold them. When we had $10.00 we took it to the Board, but they would not accept it. We said it was not ours to keep, so we took it to the Church School Superintendent and gave it to him. The money was used to buy a bookcase for the church library books."

Both Miss Jean McGregor and Miss Agnes Roy remember the Conferences held at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching. Miss McGregor, one of the first Leaders in Caledonia, Ontario, helped to organize a group whose membership grew to seventy-five girls from five denominations. Miss Roy, who is now the Executive Director of the National Y.W.C.A., remembers "the flash of insight and understanding that came when our CGIT Leader helped us to decide to take money to a family at Christmas, and thus make it possible for them to buy their own food, toys and decorations."

Describing the activities of their group in the 1920's, Miss Margaret Marshall of Calgary writes, "We decorated our room which we used week-days and Sundays. We painted chairs, made cretonne backs and seats for them, hung pictures, and began a library which was to last for several years."

Miss Jean Ferguson, of Montreal, who is still active, began her CGIT career as a Church School teacher of teenage girls, who wanted something constructive to do during the week.

Somewhat similar memories are held by Mrs. John Middleton, (Jean Cowan), a former Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary. She recalls her class of eager teenagers in the early 20's, who "coaxed their Sunday School teacher to let them try the new programme, CGIT, which was described so glowingly in their lesson quarterly. The class met occasionally in the mid-week but meetings with 'a purpose' seemed so much more worthwhile. With some trepidation the teacher agreed to have the Class Secretary send for the literature, and it was not long before St. Andrew's church, in Barrie, had its first CGIT group—the first in town, in fact."

The formation of most groups was planned, but occasionally one "happened" more or less by accident. Mrs. L. B. Beath, remembers that in 1932, the members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary at Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, decided to organize a young women's auxiliary. "Imagine the surprise of all concerned when the majority of those who came to the meeting were teenage girls. Thus the first CGIT group at Royce Avenue Presbyterian came into being."

CGIT has been subject to disasters, as well as triumphs. Mrs. L. Peart, (Marianne Shannon) of Caledonia, Ontario, remembers the difficulties of 1925, and how their group was left without Leaders and many girls. "Eleanor Boyd and myself, just girls, decided to act as Leaders, until someone else could be found. Young as we were, we didn't realize just how young we appeared, until at the first meeting of the Presbyterian Leaders, Miss Edith Sinclair, the Girls' Work Secretary, met us and said, "Oh, I'm glad to see that we have some girls here today. What group are you from?" To which I replied very timidly, "We are the new Leaders of the Dunn Memorial Group." Forty years later, Mrs. Peart is still leading a group.

Mrs. R. Stewart, (Lois McRae) of London, recalls her experiences as a member of a group at Victoria Church in Toronto. "How interested we were in entering into the Bible Study discussions; keeping a daily health code; going on hikes, and attending the Good Friday city-wide Services and breakfasts, on the banks of the Humber River." Mrs. Stewart heard the call to a church vocation at a CGIT camp in 1927, and she writes "that Autumn found me a student at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School (now Ewart College). I shall always feel indebted to the consecrated Leaders who crossed my path."

There are many others who could tell us of those early and middle years in the life of the Canadian Girls In Training. Some of these people are in your congregation—seek them out and invite them to share in the celebrations with you.

(*Next Month—Part II—Camping In The Early Days*)

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Regarding the Article — "CGIT Celebrates"

WE ARE VERY SORRY if the article, "CGIT Celebrates," on this page in the November issue, caused hurt to any of our friends from Holland. We know that the writer of the article used books by reputable authors and publishers as sources of information about Indonesia. She expressed in her article the impressions she gained.

Generalizations are rarely completely accurate, and we sincerely regret the impression given by some of the general statements made in the article, in regard to Dutch rule in Indonesia. In these days of concern for, and interest in, emerging young nations, the good that was done by Colonial Powers is sometimes overlooked. Honesty demands the remembrance of the good, as well as the mistakes. Therefore we must remember that, while the Dutch ruled with a firm hand and appeared to hesitate to delegate authority, they did contribute to the development of Indonesia. Roads, transportation, and broadcasting stations, were provided as means of communication. Schools were built—not in sufficient numbers—but enough to prepare a small percentage of Indonesians for University. These were encouraged, and even aided to go to Holland for higher study. A few Universities were established in Indonesia by the Dutch, from which Indonesian lawyers, doctors, and technicians were graduated. As early as 1905, a beginning was made in Indonesian participation in Government, by the establishment of the first indigenous Town Councils and Regional Councils. Further development came in 1918, when the Volksraad, or People's Council, was established. In 1931, it was agreed that Indonesians should be eligible for appointment to the highest posts, under the Dutch Governor-General; Indonesians served admirably in Government Departments. While Nationalists distrusted this Council, it cannot be overlooked as the beginning of a Parliament. (The Editor)

Boys and Girls!

THE SHY CHORISTER

by MISS MABEL BOOTH

(Adapted from material supplied by Miss Margaret Near.)

MARIE WAS TOO SHY to go to choir practice at the Chinese Church. Miss Chan had visited in the Lee home and said that Mr. Kim, the Choir Leader, would like Marie to sing in the choir. "Her voice is clear and sweet," said Miss Lee, "and she would be a help."

One day Marie met Miss Chan on the church steps. "Would you like to sing in the choir," asked Miss Chan hopefully. Marie answered so softly, Miss Chan could barely hear the timid "yes" as she gave her assent.

"Good!" said Miss Chan with enthusiasm. "I'll wait for you after Church School. Mr. Kim will be pleased."

The next Sunday arrived. Marie was in her usual place in Church School. She saw Miss Chan looking around the room. "I guess she's looking for me," said Marie to Pansy, trying to make herself appear smaller. Soon the last hymn was sung. Marie saw Miss Chan stop to ask Bill about his grandmother, so she quickly slipped past her.

"Have you seen Marie Lee, Pansy?" asked Miss Chan, as she glanced around the room.

"She left before me," said Pansy. "I think she's downstairs."

"Have you seen Marie Lee?" asked Miss Chan, over and over. But no one had seen Marie leave the church.

"Why are you looking for her," said Jimmy with a grin.

"She wants to come to choir today and I promised to meet her after Church School," said Miss Chan, all in one breath.

"Her! She won't come. She never goes any place. You should see her in school! She never says a word. She'll never go in the choir."

Miss Chan looked out the door and there was Marie running down the street.

The next week went by slowly for Marie. She kept thinking about the choir. "I'd like to sit in the choir with Pansy," she confided to her mother.

Sunday morning came. Marie was in her place in the Church School. She looked around to see if Miss Chan were there. Miss Chan nodded her head and smiled at her.

The children sang the last hymn. Marie slipped past Miss Chan as she had her head bowed in prayer. All was quiet for a moment. Then Miss Chan looked quickly to where Marie had been sitting, but Marie was gone. Running to the stairs, all she could see was Marie's red coat as she turned at the landing. Marie hurried down the stairs, and out to the door to the street.

"Miss Chan has missed me again," sighed Marie. "I wish she had seen me!" Marie looked back, hoping that Miss Chan was following. Suddenly she felt herself sway, and before she knew it she had fallen on both knees.

Pansy, seeing Marie fall, ran to help her. "Call Miss Chan to come, Marie is hurt!"

"Miss Chan! Miss Chan! come quickly," called Jimmy. "Marie Lee fell on the sidewalk. We think she's hurt."

When Miss Chan reached the door, two men were carrying Marie into the church. As Marie saw Miss Chan, she burst into tears. Miss Chan patted her kindly on the shoulder. Marie's leg was only bruised a little, but her tiny body was shaking as she sobbed. With a little warm water, her bruised leg was soon washed, and Marie was smiling at Miss Chan.

"May I go to the choir practice today?" whispered Marie, through her tears. "I can hear Mr. Kim playing the organ!"

Miss Chan put out her hand to Marie. She slipped from the chair, and the two slowly walked down the hall to the church. At first they only peeked through the large oak door. Then they opened the door enough to squeeze through.

"You don't mean to say, she's coming to choir practice," jeered Jimmy.

Miss Chan could feel Marie's hand tighten in her's. "Sure we're coming," laughed Miss Chan. "May Marie and I be in the choir today, Mr. Kim."

"We're always glad to have more singers," replied Mr. Kim. "If you want to be in the Children's Choir, Miss Chan, you are welcome."

"Are you really coming to the choir, Miss Chan?" asked Pansy.

"Why, yes," answered Miss Chan. "Mr. Kim won't let me be in the choir for older people, but he says I can come to your choir. Do you mind?"

"Oh, no," said Pansy, making

room on the bench for Marie and Miss Chan. Pansy gave her hymn book to Marie, and pointed to the place. Jimmy, with a big grin on his face, handed his hymn book to Miss Chan.

"I think it'll be fun to have you in the choir," whispered Jimmy in Miss Chan's ear.

At first Marie held the hymn book in her hand, but she could hardly keep back the tears as she thought of what Jimmy had said. Pansy had given her the hymn book. She must want her to be in the choir. Soon Marie forgot about Jimmy and opened her mouth to sing. Once when the organist was looking for some new music, Marie took a sly look at Miss Chan. She caught Marie's look and smiled back reassuringly.

"I like it here," whispered Marie. "I want to come every week."

Week after week went by. Marie was always in her place in the front row beside Pansy. She always left a little space beside her hoping that Miss Chan would come to choir practice too. Easter Sunday arrived. This was a special day that Marie had often dreamed about. She had pictured herself in a red choir gown sitting in the choir. It seemed the closest place to being in heaven that Marie could imagine.

And there she was! Her dream had come true. Her voice seemed to soar over the other voices, to where her mother sat with Miss Chan. Her mother smiled at Marie to let her know she saw her. At last Marie's dream *had* come true. She was singing in the choir at the Chinese Church!

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PRAYER

Our Father, help us all to see
That brotherhood and charity
Are priceless gifts that come from
Thee.
Help us to serve our fellow man
With all the strength and skill we
can,
Till hatred and aggression cease,
And mankind earns enduring peace;
And may the Prince of Peace, Your
Son
Bless us until this peace is won.

(Rev. Gilbert Darlington, D.D.)

THEY MET IN ENUGU!

IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, some of the world's most distinguished Churchmen met in Enugu, the Capital City of Eastern Nigeria, to attend the first Meeting to be held in Africa of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. This is the important policy-making Committee, and it represents the 209 Member Churches of the World Council of Churches—Protestant; Anglican; Orthodox; Old Catholic Traditions—in more than 80 countries. In Africa, alone, there are 32 Member Churches of the W.C.C.

The Committee, at its Plenary Session, was formally welcomed to Enugu by our own distinguished Presbyterian, Sir Francis Ibiam, who is Governor of the Eastern Province of Nigeria, and one of the six Presidents of the World Council of Churches. Sir Francis and Lady Ibiam also gave a Reception for the Committee at the beautiful State House. Many important decisions were made during those ten days of Meetings and Conferences. Discussions were based on the Theme—"The Call to Conversion and Service, and its Meaning for the Churches' Participation in God's Work." This subject was introduced by Mr. Samuel H. Amissak, General Secretary of the All-Africa Conference of Churches, whose headquarters are at Kitwe, Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia; and by the Rev. Jean Kotto, General Secretary of the Evangelical Church of the Cameroun. The highlight of the Meetings was, of course, the Ecumenical Worship Service, held in the Municipal Stadium of Enugu, when the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles, of Ceylon, General Secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference, conducted the Service.

Sessions of the 100-member Central Committee were preceded by a number of smaller Meetings of the various Committees of the Council's departments and divisions, attended by groups of from 15 to 75 persons. One of the most important of these—and especially so in view of the recent happenings in certain parts of Africa—was the Consultation on "The Christian Response to the African Revolution." This was jointly sponsored by the All-Africa Conference of Churches; the Refugee and World Service; the W.C.C. Division of Inter-Church Aid; the Department on Church and Society; and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

More than 60 Theologians; Church Executives; and Lay Leaders from all parts of the Continent, took part in this Consultation, which was led by Sir Francis Ibiam; Dr. Donald M'Timkulu, of Mindola, Northern Rhodesia (Now Zambia), the General Secretary of the All-African Conference of Churches; the Rev. Jean Kotto, General Secretary of the Evangelical Church of the Cameroun.

Altogether, some 300 persons took an active part in the many meetings held over the three-week period; 250 registered for the larger Central Committee; and Observers were present from the World Confessional Alliances; the World Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A.; and the World Student Christian Federation (Adapted. L.M.C.).

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A Meditation on the Best Loved Psalm

(A retired Deaconess of the Presbyterian Church of Australia has written this "tribute of love and praise" on the theme of the Twenty-Third Psalm.)

"THE LORD ETERNAL is the Shepherd of the fold of God. I call Him mine, for out of His abundant wealth in glory He supplies all my necessities. Therefore I have no lack.

He causes me to rest amid quiet places of beauteous pasture land. He leads me beside waters of tranquility — I am refreshed, restored, and satisfied.

His guiding hand directs the paths of life. I have to tread, dark or bright, according to the wisdom of His love — but not alone. His name is my Guarantor.

Aye, even when I must pass through the darksome valley of sorrow, grief, and death — He who bore my sins and carried my burdens — He, who is the Conqueror of death — companions me. His perfect love casts out my fear of evil; His rod, His shepherd's crook, gives me strength and courage. Foes may look upon me with malicious hatred, but Thou, my beneficient Provider, hast made ready a festal board of joyful delights, therefore I feast, rejoicing in the victory of God.

Then, Thou dost pour down upon my head fresh, fragrant oil of Thy gracious Spirit. The blessings overflow, and I declare that Thy loving-kindnesses, new every morn, and Thy tender compassions, overtake me as I journey on.

I am a guest of Him, who has prepared for me a dwelling place, eternal in the heavens, where I shall abide within the household of God throughout the ages of eternity."

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NEW TIMES ARE SHOUTING

For Something More Than Clergy, Institutions and Program

by J. ALLAN RANCK

(Dr. Allan Ranck is Director of the Commission on Missionary Education, National Council of Churches, and author of many books, including "Education for Mission", which was reviewed in "Books You'll Like", and was one of the Resource and Reading Books used to supplement the 1961 Study Book.)

THE CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST came into being in an era of transition and need. The Greek and Roman Empires had seen their most glorious days. It was the Christian faith which brought to many people, in those days of disintegrating culture, a new meaning to life, a sense of purpose, and understanding of their religious inheritance, a knowledge of God's eternal purpose . . . Now, in this 20th Century, all over the world the church is being tested by upheaval and rapid change.

We have grown accustomed to thinking of rapid — even violent — change in Africa, Asia, and now Latin America. But do we recognize the "new times" in our land? Do we hear what these new times are shouting to the Churches? What will the next hundred, or even the next ten, years require? As many as one million people will be added each year to the unchurched population, even if all churches maintain present rates of growth!

Protestant churches, all over the world, have more easily learned to minister to rural, or suburban, communities than to the sprawling metropolitan areas with pockets of massed populations, deteriorating housing, urban renewal developments and industrial complexes. Our usual types of ministry, even in such practical matters as schedules of public worship and congregational activity, fail to take seriously into account the throngs of God's children who comprise so large a part of the unchurched population of America. Imaginative leadership and creative programming are required, and appear all too infrequently, in our effort to bear a convincing Christian witness in the giant cities of these new times.

Other changes, still more overwhelming and perplexing, characterize these new times. We have barely begun to assess the advances of our scientifically oriented technological culture. What does it mean to us Christians that we can orbit a man in space? What does it mean when bio-chemists begin to discover and experiment with means of producing life in laboratory test tubes? What is the effect of men's lives of galloping automation in industry, radically reduced working hours, increased leisure and the growth of new systems of social organizations?

The terms of the gospel are eternal, but we must learn to bear witness to people outside the church in words which will be relevant, convincing, redeeming. Scientists and the general public, caught up in the modern scientific mood, still have the basic needs and interests to which Christian faith can speak — if its voice is clear and its expression cogent. A recent news release even speaks of a surprising evidence in Communist Russia of a resurgent interest in spiritual realities among scientists, whose research and activity lead them unavoidably to such openness of mind and heart. Does our Christian testimony speak in contemporary, convincing terms to this modern world?

Too often the church has become conservative, resisting all change, and resting confidently in its own organizational reality, rather than in its living relationship with the Creator and Redeemer of the universe.

For our new and ever-changing times we must create new churches, and renew all existing churches, by God's spirit at work in us, in order to confront our world with the judgment and salvation of Jesus Christ. These new churches will be more than programme. They will be Christian people living confidently and victoriously in the world, having faced honestly the changes which are occurring around us, and having learned with their Lord to live with change.

(Excerpt from Article in "Presbyterian Survey", and "The Inter-Church News".)

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HE HEARS MY PRAYER!

He hears my prayer,
For oft when I am at my task
And lift my heart to Him and ask
For blessing: swift I hear His
Word—
"Lo, I am with thee, I, thy Lord
Will answer thee!"

He hears my prayer,
For when before His throne I kneel
I feel His peace around me steal,
I hear His whisper in my heart —
"Lo, nought in heaven or earth can
part
My child from Me!"

He hears my prayer;
Oh! what a friend I have in Him!
When days are dark, or ways are
dim,
His face I see, and all grows bright. (Selected)

DID YOU KNOW . . .?

—That a Memorial Library, dedicated to the late Dag Hammarskjold, was recently presented, by the Swedish Church, to the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia? This splendid Library is erected only about an hour's drive from the spot where Dag Hammarskjold's plane crashed in September 1961. Dr. Donald M'Timkula, the new Principal of Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, officially received this wonderful gift from the Right Rev. Bengt Sundkler, Bishop in Tanganyiko, who made the presentation on behalf of the Swedish Church, which he had served for several years in South Africa. About one thousand guests attended the Opening, the majority of whom were Africans, many wearing their National costume. Designed to hold some 30,000 books in all academic subjects, with 100 publications available in the reading room on the lower floor, the total gift from the Church of Sweden was about $100,000. Already more than 6,000 books are on the shelves, with thousands more on order, and scores of publications, in various languages are properly classified and ready for use. This Library is a real Symbol of progress and co-operation, not only for students coming to Mindolo, but for the people of Africa. It is hoped that African scholars, instead of having to pursue their advanced studies abroad, will now be able to come to Mindolo and do their research at the Hammarskjold Memorial Library.

—That some eighty church women, representing thirteen Asian countries, participated in the first East Asian Church Women's Conference held recently in Bangkok, Thailand. Sponsored by the East Asia Christian Conference, the thirteen-day gathering had as its main theme the command of Christ, "Launch Out Into The Deep". During the conference careful consideration was given to the question of the responsibility of Christian women in today's world, especially in the light of a rapidly changing Asian society. The delegates also studied the organization of women's groups in the church and the relation of these groups to society in general.

—That it is reported from Melbourne that more than half a million dollars for international relief work was raised through the so-called Christmas Bowl of Remembrance Appeal sponsored by the Inter-Church Aid Commission of the Australian Council of Churches. The report was released by the national secretary of the appeal, the Rev. Frank Byatt, who said that the gifts would help to make it a better year for many of the world's hungry. The funds raised through the Australian "Christmas Bowl" are being used for relief work in Asia.

Those Correspondence Cards!

The new Correspondence Cards are proving very popular! Have you been using them? They are folded, double-sheet, of excellent quality white stock, and across the top of the frontal sheet is the W.M.S. Crest, and the Motto — "The World For Christ" — all done in Presbyterian Blue. There is ample room for correspondence — almost four pages — and they are also ideal for brief notes and Announcements. Presidents and Officers are finding these new Correspondence Cards both attractive and useful. Order from the Publications Department, Room 205 — 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ont. Price, per dozen — 50 cents. (L.M.C.)

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I give and bequeath to the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the sum of .... dollars, free of succession duty, to be paid for the purpose of the said Society (Western Division) to the Treasurer for the time being thereof, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the payment.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Home Helpers Meeting of the Evening Guild of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* members of the Study Group and other visitors were present. Two recent Films of *Nigeria* were shown by Mr. A. M. Steele, and the Discussion Period which followed was led by the Rev. A. R. Henderson, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, and Moderator of the Synod of *British Columbia.* A Social Hour of fellowship followed.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Fifty-five members attended the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, held in the Kirk Hall Auditorium of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria.* Following the Dessert Luncheon, President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean presided, and welcomed the delegates. Roll Call showed members present from *Sooke, Duncan,* and *Knox, St. Paul's* and *St. Andrew's* Presbyterian Churches, *Victoria.* Dr. Hugh A. MacMillan, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Moderator of the 90th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was Guest Speaker, his subject being "Women — The Silent Servants of the Church". He also stressed the recent advances made in *Formosa* and *India.*

The Mary Currie W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Port Alberni,* held their Thank-offering Service in the Church on a Sunday evening, when President, Mrs. Storey, conducted the Worship Service and introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, President of Victoria Presbyterial. Interesting slides of W.M.S. work in *Nigeria* were shown, and Mrs. McLean told of the trip to Frankfurt-on-Main, *Germany; Nigeria,* and many other far-distant lands, which she had taken with her husband, the Rev. J. L. W. McLean, M.A., D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria* this past summer.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — When the W. M. S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting, President, Mrs. H. L. McBain, presided, and Miss C. Muldoon conducted the Devotional Period. Musical selections were given by Mrs. G. MacPherson, and Mrs. R. Knox. The C.G.I.T. Leader, Mrs. Gartland, reported the recent C.G.I.T. Conference in *Victoria,* and a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. A. MacKinnon, for 37 years a member of *Mt. Lehman* Presbyterian Church, and, for the past seven years, a loyal worker in Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby.* The Rev. Dr. Ian Rennie of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* was Guest Speaker. The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. L. D. Hankinson, B.A., Pastor of Gordon Presbyterian Church.

Miss Edith Murray, Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, gave an interesting Address on "The Life of the Flesh, and the Life of the Spirit." Mrs. M. D. McPhee gave the Devotional Period. A Life Membership Certificate and Pin, and a lovely corsage, were presented by Synodical President, Mrs. Ivan Le Huguet, on behalf of the Auxiliary, to Mrs. Howard C. Hepburn, the former Gladys Halstead, who, since 1932, has loyally served all the Departments of Fairview Presbyterian Church. The Pin will be especially cherished, because it was originally presented by the W.M.S. Auxiliary to the late Rev. Walter Ellis, her beloved Pastor and friend.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Group of Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* held a Christmas Tea and Bake Sale, convened by Mrs. I. Stewart, when guests were received by President, Mrs. H. Currie, and Mrs. J. Bigelow. Tea tables were gay with Christmas decorations, and the proceeds went to the W.M.S. General Fund, and the Supply Fund.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* presented the Introductory Programme of the Study on India, at a joint meeting with the Queen Elizabeth Group, and the Evening Guild of First Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the joint meeting was to interest and inform these Groups on the Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church, and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of our Church. Tea was served by the Queen Elizabeth Group, and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The Ladies Federation of Knox Presbyterial Church, *Weyburn,* at their Fall Thank-Offering Meeting, had Regional Secretary, Miss Margaret Boyd, and Mrs. White, former President of *Saskatchewan* Synodical, as Special Guests. Miss Boyd gave an interesting Address on the Conference in *Ireland,* which she had attended, and showed excellent slides to illustrate it. A Social Hour was enjoyed.

Sixty-eight Ministers and Laymen, from all parts of the Province, attended the 59th Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Synod, in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Weyburn.* Dr. Hugh McMillan, Moderator of the 90th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was Guest Speaker. The Committee on Missions, in their Report, noted the appointment of Miss Hilda Blackwell, a former resident of *Weyburn,* and a member of Knox Church, as Presbytery Deaconess for *Prince Albert* Presbytery.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* was honoured by having Synodical President, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, as their Guest Speaker at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting. In her inspiring address, Mrs. Wilson emphasized the heritage which has come to us, as Presbyterian women, and urged members to continue in the paths laid out for us by those W.M.S. women who have laid the foundations for the years to come.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — At the Girls' Rally, in *Saskatoon,* Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from her work in *India,* and now attending University in *Saskatoon,* was Guest Speaker, and showed an interesting display of India handicrafts. Each Group presented a special Project, and Reports were heard from girls attending Camp Council, and the Girls' Camp at *Christopher Lake. Parkview* girls gave a Skit on the beginning of C.G.I.T. Groups, and Miss Margaret Boyd presented and explained the C.G.I.T. Project for the Anniversary Year — the building of a Camp, and Conference Centre, near *Dyakarta, India.* A Report of this Rally, signed by all the girls present, was sent to the C.G.I.T. Group at *Buffalo Narrows,* a remote and isolated location, which prevented attendance of any girls from that Group.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, spoke on "How to Work in Committees," and "The Essentials of Programming," at the Leadership Training Meeting attended by the Executive members of the Women's Groups in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon.* This was held to consider improvements in the procedures followed at regular Meetings, and the Rev. Mr. van Mossel, outlined correct business procedures for a Church Meeting, and the responsibilities of the Women's Groups to the local Church.

As an Anniversary Year Project, the Thornton and Margaret O'Dell W.M.S. Groups in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* have placed Bibles in the pews, in memory of each member whom death has taken since the founding of this congregation.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — At the W.M.S. Rally, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* some sixty women, representing twelve districts, attended the Afternoon and Evening Sessions. Mrs. George Bain, President of *Brandon* Presbyterial presided at both Sessions, and the Guest Speaker was Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions. Miss Mary Lou Funston, Presbytery Deaconess, conducted group Bible Study. The Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal* were reported by Mrs. Angus Kellie, and Mrs. Hubert Irving reported the Mission Conference held in *Brandon.* At the supper hour, the *Wellwood* C.G.I.T. entertained with Charades, and an interesting mid-afternoon break was a tour of the Carnation Food's Potato Plant.

A "Pot Luck Supper" was enjoyed by members of the C.O.C.; the Explorer's and the Junior Choirs and their Mothers, at Crescent Heights Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie*. Choir Member, Miss Nancy Birkett, said Grace, and Explorer, Valerie Hillis, read the Address to the Mothers, to which Mrs. Reg. Tomalin replied. The Rev. and Mrs. Burkhart were special guests, and the Deaconess, Miss Drummond, was Guest Speaker.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* with the Theme. "Forward Be Our Watchword." The Rev. A. H. Johnston gave the Opening Devotions, and said Grace at the supper which opened the Rally. President, Mrs. G. McDougall presided, and welcomed those present. Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, conducted a Panel on the true meaning of "Welcome and Welfare;" and the new Study was introduced by Mrs. H. T. Johnston, assisted by Panel — Mrs. A. R. McLeod; Mrs. O. Kennelly; Mrs. H. T. Smith; and Mrs. A. M. Cameron.

The new Literature Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Cook, who will be assisted by Mrs. Hollinsworth, had a good Book Display, and reported on the many types of books available through the Publications Department. Reports were given by Synodical Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Spidell, and by Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. R. Hillier.

Mrs. J. G. Shaw, of *Port Arthur,* was hostess recently to the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur.* President, Mrs. M. Fidler, occupied the Chair, and the Study, arranged by Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, was in the form of an imaginary Radio Broadcast, which dealt with the work of medical Missionaries among the people of *Central India.* Literature Secretary, Mrs. Shaw, presented an excellent Book Display; Mrs. McKirdy spoke of articles received for the Bale; and all Secretaries brought in their Reports. At the Social Hour refreshments were served by the Hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Fraser and Mrs. M. Lindsay.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — On a Saturday afternoon and evening, in October, the Presbyterian Fellowship House, 73 Chestnut Street, *Winnipeg,* held Open House for the members and friends of the Presbytery. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Beattie, House Father and House Mother, and the Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Bishop, received the guests. Mrs. Joseph Francis, of the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre, *Winnipeg,* dressed in Indian national costume, gave an interesting talk on the Indian people of Canada, and showed a display of Indian handicraft. Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, and Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, were convenors for the event.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The Explorers and C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tiverton,* were entertained at a "Mother and Daughter Banquet", arranged by Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. Hutton, and Mrs. N. Dobson, Leaders of C.G.I.T.; and Mrs. B. MacKinnon and Mrs. F. J. Parsons, Explorer Leaders. The "Sing-Song", led by Mrs. James Hutton, was followed by Nature Slides and a Commentary by Mrs. Wm. Cottrell. Mrs. F. J. Parsons gave the Address, and Mrs. Don MacKay was Pianist.

Two Life Membership Certificates were presented by Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, to her two daughters, Mrs. Calvin Wenzel, of *Hanover,* and Miss Pauline Krampp, of *Walkerton,* at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* in memory of her Mother, *Mrs. A. Remus,* who passed away last February. President, Mrs. S. Jackson, presided, and led in prayer for the family of the late Dr. S. Scott. Mrs. E. Wilton, *Owen Sound,* told of the wonderful experience of the Anniversaries Meetings in Montreal; Mrs. G. A. Cunningham, *Tara,* showed slides of *Montreal* and also of the Presbyterial Annual Meeting. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Wilton and Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. C. M. Givson convened the Social Hour, assisted by Mrs. Harkley, Mrs. Warnock, and Mrs. Vandermark.

President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, presided at the second Annual Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, held at *Tara,* when the Theme was "Let's Look At Ourselves". Workshops were held with the following Leaders — Adult — Mrs. Nugent, *Chatsworth*; Children's Work — Miss Clare Hanes, assisted by Miss Ruby Patterson, *Owen Sound,* and Mrs. T. Gamble, *Chatsworth.* Evaluation of the Montreal Annual Council Meeting was given by members who attended, and slides were shown by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Archibald, of *Tara.* The Tara ladies served Dinner and Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. T. W. Thompson presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glamis,* when Mrs. McNab, of *Port Elgin* was Guest Speaker, and spoke on "Our Professing". Mrs. R. Thompson and Mrs. C. McGillivray sang a duet; Readings were given by Mrs. L. Hutton and Mrs. E. Greer; Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, of *Walkerton,* spoke.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Burgoyne* Presbyterian Church held their Thank-Offering Meeting, President, Mrs. C. M. Underwood, presided, and an orchestra of four ladies — Mrs. Mel Black; Mrs.

Harvey Morrow; Mrs. Robert Chappell; Mrs. I. Green — played four selections. Miss Ruby Patterson, Deaconess of *Owen Sound* was Guest Speaker, and told of the origin of the Deaconess Order and the preparation and work of Deaconesses. Guests were present from *Owen Sound*; *Southampton*; *Dunblane*.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Guests from *Binbrook, Beamsville,* and *Stoney Creek,* attended the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Grimsby*. Mrs. R. T. Hall introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg. N., on furlough from *Vellore, South India.* Life Membership Certificates were presented to Mrs. George Shrum, and Mrs. E. Douglas.

Mrs. E. T. Hughes, President since 1950, presided at the 85th Anniversary Celebration of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Ancaster,* and Mrs. D. H. Munroe welcomed visitors. Mrs. N. Anderson, President, brought greetings from *Hamilton* Presbyterial; Historian, Miss M. Grant, gave the Auxiliary History; and greetings were brought from *Ryerson* United Church; *Alberton* and *Carluke* Churches. Mrs. D. Glen Campbell of McNab Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* was Guest Speaker, and Miss N. Livingstone was Soloist. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. T. H. Boyd, and to Mrs. Edington, by Mrs. M. Murray, District President. At the Reception held in the new Education Building, Mrs. Neil Livingstone cut the Birthday Cake.

The 55th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Alberton* Presbyterian Church was held in the Church, with Mrs. B. J. Burditt presiding, and the Worship Service conducted by Mrs. A. Fair. The Guest Speaker, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., of the *Bhil Field, India,* was introduced by the Rev. T. H. Boyd, B.D., and, showing interesting slides, she gave a graphic picture of her work there. Mrs. Peter Emick was Soloist. Mrs. N. Anderson, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, brought greetings; Miss Mary Grant, Historian, gave the Auxiliary History; Mrs. R. Smith spoke of past years; and a Reception was held in the new Education Building. The Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. Norman Anderson.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. Aitcheson introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Ferris, of the local Salvation Army, at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham*. Mrs. Ferris told of the work among alcoholics at the Harbour Light Mission in *Winnipeg,* where she and her husband worked for several years. President, Miss V. McLaughlin, presided, and others participating in the Programme were Mrs. G. Tervit; Mrs. T. King; Mrs. G. Coulter; Miss A. Mitchell; and Mrs. D. Rae. Mrs. B. Feagan and Mrs. G. Fesh sang a duet. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, *Wingham* used a "Blessings Tree" to illustrate her talk to the Mission Band, Explorers, and W.M.S. members of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Belmore,* at their Family Night. The Mission Band presented a question-and-answer session, and the Explorers explained their illustrated map of *India.*

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — A Meeting of the Western Section of this Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church of *Ripley,* when Mrs. Robert McAllister, *Dungannon,* introduced Guest Speaker, the Rev. N. McCrombie, who spoke on "Fellowship", Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. F. H. Cromey, and Mrs. J. Henderson, conducted the Worship Service, and Mrs. Ross MacMillan, *South Kinloss,* reported the Women's Camp at *Kintail.* In the absence of Mrs. W. L. Speir, of *Brussels,* Mrs. T. A. Currie, *Wingham,* read the report of the Anniversaries Celebrations in Montreal. A Social Hour was enjoyed.

The Meeting of the Eastern Section of Maitland Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church, of *Gorrie,* with Mrs. B. Thomas, *Bluevale,* presiding. Worship Service was in charge of Mrs. R. Knight, Mrs. S. Stephenson, and Mrs. T. E. Kennedy. Miss E. McClennanon introduced the Guest Speaker. Rev. G. Fish, of *Wingham,* who compared the work of Missionaries and of Communists, and said "The Bible is the Book of Missions". A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held an Open Missionary Meeting in Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church, *London,* which was attended by more than 100 members of W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg. N., Associate Professor at *Velore Medical College, India* showed slides, and told of her work. The *Bethel* Presbyterian Church ladies conducted Worship Service, and President, Mrs. K. Laidlaw, of Knollwood Park Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary gave the welcome.

President, Mrs. R. H. Fraser, presided at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Hamilton Road Church, *London,* held in the Church on a Sunday evening. She was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Kenny, and the Junior Choir sang, led by Mr. L. M. Morley, with Mrs. Morley at the organ. Mrs. J. Ross McDonald, of *Appin,* London Presbyterial President, brought greetings, and Mr. Robert Steedman, in the absence of the Minister, the Rev. J. M. Pollock, brought the Session greetings. The Auxiliary History, read by Mrs. H. S. Griffiths, was followed by a Memorial Service. Mrs. J. M. Pollock was the Special Speaker. A corsage of yellow rosebuds was presented, by Mrs. F. Ogilvie, to Mrs. Charles Pirie, the only living Charter Member, as a gift from the Women's Association. The Margaret Ramsay W.M.S. Auxiliary presented to each W.M.S. member a lovely corsage. Mrs. W. Murchison thanked those taking part in the Programme. At the tea following, convened by Mrs. Earl Powell and Mrs. James Donnelly, the Birthday Cake was cut by Charter Member, Mrs. Charles Pirie and Mrs. Gordon Cochran and Mrs. Graham Wilson poured tea. The flowers were a gift from the Women's Association.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Guthrie Presbyterian Church, *Alvinston*. President, Mrs. Allan Neal, presided, and the Devotional Period was given by the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Strathroy* and *Cameron*. Mrs. Archie Leitch expressed a warm Scottish welcome. Reports of the Anniversaries' Celebrations in *Montreal* were given by those who attended, and mentioned particularly the Indian Choirs from Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential Schools; the history of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; and the impressive Holy Communion Service held there on Sunday morning. Mrs. J. Collins of *Sarnia,* a sister of Miss Agnes Gollan, expressed thanks for being chosen to take part in the Missionary Pageant. Refreshments were served in the Church Parlour, and Mrs. D. Jeffrey showed slides of the *Montreal* Meetings.

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. Robson presided at the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the W.A., held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maple,* when Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., on furlough from *India,* told in words and pictures about the W.M.S. work on the *Bhil Field,* and during the tea-hour showed beautiful Indian handicrafts, and answered questions. The Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings" was used.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Glebe Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Miss Ruby Walker, Guest Speaker, in her Address, presented a challenge for the next 50 years, and stressed the needs of the "Inner Cities." Highlights of the years were given by Miss E. Nesbitt.

At the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* Mrs. J. B. Taylor, of *Weston,* formerly Children's Work Secretary, spoke on the Children's Art Project, and showed some of the pictures submitted. Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg. N., M.A., of *Vellore, India,* was the Evening Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid picture of her work at *Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital.* The Anniversary Book of Toronto and Kingston Synodical was on display.

A Buffet Luncheon was held, prior to the Meeting, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Melville Presbyterian Church, *West Hill,* celebrated an 80th Anniversary. Mrs. S. McConechie, and Mrs. I. M. McLeod, wives of former Ministers of the Church, and W.M.S. Past Presidents, were especially welcomed, and greetings were presented by the Minister, the Rev. E. H. Hunter; Mrs. M. MacInnes, and Mrs. W. S. Sutherland. Life Membership Certificates were given to Mrs. R. Pearse, and her daughter, Mrs. H. Bennett. Greetings were brought from East Toronto Presbyterial by President, Mrs. W. J. Head, who also introduced Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, the Guest Speaker, whose Address was on "The History of the W.M.S." The Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. R. Pearse and Mrs. M. Cunningham, both in their 90th year.

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough,* the W.M.S., Auxiliary celebrated a 75th Anniversary of the present Auxiliary, and 108 years of Missionary work in this historic Church. President, Mrs. Harold McCowan, wearing a costume over 100 years old, introduced other members, also wearing very old costumes. Reading from the well-preserved Records of 1856, they gave the story of the Women's Work in helping the Zenana Mission in *India.* Portraying the Period 1914 - 1926, other members, in costumes of the time, recounted the work of the Home Mission Society; the Mission Band; and the Designation of Deaconesses and Missionaries. A third Group brought the Society's work up to date.

On the platform were, Miss Ethel Glendenning, for many years a Missionary in *India,* for whom, as a Congregational Centennial Gift of the Congregation in 1918, a School was built in *Hat Pipplia, India*; Dr. D. J. Davidson, who, with her husband served in *India* from 1906; and Miss Mildred Weir, our Missionary to *Formosa.* Mrs. G. McEwan was Soloist. The handsome Anniversaries Cake was cut by Mrs. Ashley McCowan, the member of longest standing, assisted by Dr. Davidson. An Hour of Social Fellowship followed.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cobourg,* have suffered a great loss in the recent death of Mrs. D. Ewart. When Home and Foreign Missions were two different Societies, Mrs. D. Ewart was President of the Women's Home Missionary Society. She was also Leader of the Mission Band (now C.O.C.) and Presbyterial President for fifteen years, as well as taking as active part in all the Organizations of her home Church. She also served as Division Court Clerk for many years in *Cobourg,* and her graciousness, spiritual devotion, consecration and service, will be long remembered by all who knew her.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church, *Holstein,* with Miss Florence Goertzen, of St. Matthews Church, the Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. John Perkins presided. At the Dinner, served by the *Holstein* ladies, the Rev. F. A. Pickering, *Mount Forest* brought Presbytery greetings. The Toronto and Kingston Anniversaries Book was on display.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, of *British Guiana,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Harriston.* The C.G.I.T. Group received their chevrons at this Meeting; showed interesting displays of the countries studied; and assisted in serving refreshments. A special Anniversary Cake commemorated the W.M.S. 100th Anniversary.

At the Workshop for C.O.C. and C.G.I.T. Leaders, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arthur,* and arranged by Leaders of these Groups in *Saugeen* Presbyterial, some 40 ladies were in attendance. Participating in the Programme were, Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary for Toronto and Kingston; Mrs. E. R. Heron, Synodical Secretary for Children's Work; Miss Ada Adams, Dean of Ewart College, with ten of her students, who demonstrated crafts, conducted Mission Study, and suggested many helpful ideas in all the phases of Christian education.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Christina Buchan W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Drayton,* Mrs. Mildred Gehman M.A., Reg. N., on furlough from *India,* was Guest Speaker. Guests were present from the United and the Reformed Churches of *Drayton,* and from *Moorefield.*

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Holstein,* entertained guests from *Durham; Normandy*: *Fairbairn*; *Mount Forest;* and *Holstein* United Church, at their Fall Thank-Offering Meeting, when the Rev. G. Fish, of *Wingham,* spoke on "Being Thankful."

The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Normandy,* recently presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Harold Barber, a loyal and faithful member for many years.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — In the Manse of Park Lawn Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Mrs. E. Pepper presided at the first Fall Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Rev. J. Roe introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Ronald Conn, former *Hong Kong* student, and now Minister of the Chinese Church in Toronto, who gave an illustrated Address on the Crown Colony of *Hong Kong.*

The Fall Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Owaissa Group, of *Weston* Presbyterian Church was held in Creelman Hall. Mrs. Atkinson presided;

Mrs. Boggs conducted Devotions; Miss Sandra Bannerman was Soloist. Introduced by Mrs. Duncan, the Guest Speaker, Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, spoke on her recent trip to visit Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools; the House of Friendship at *Prince Albert*; and Fellowship House in *Winnipeg*. Mrs. Murdock thanked the Speaker.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Executive Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brockville,* with Vice-President, Mrs. H. M. Clancy, presiding, and the theme, "We are Ambassadors for Christ." At the morning Session, the Rev. L. R. Renault, Minister of the Church, conducted the Devotional Period, and welcomed guests. Mrs. Clancy, in the absence of President, Mrs. W. S. Reid, due to illness, constituted the Session, and read a letter from Mrs. Reid. Mrs. T. H. Cummings read the minutes of the previous Executive Meeting, and Mrs. A. S. Reid reported on correspondence. Treasurer, Miss Bertha Ferguson, in her Report, showed an increase in givings, and stressed the need of meeting the deficit.

"Spotlight on Missions," discussed by Mrs. Murray and Departmental Secretaries, brought helpful and interesting suggestions and was a worth-while feature. Luncheon was served by the ladies of the Church; Mrs. K. Torrance and Mrs. Forrester extended words of welcome, to which Mrs. A. S. Reid responded. Mrs. T. R. Gates spoke on "Ambassadors for Christ." Delegates to the 1964 Council Meeting gave "Impressions and Comments on Council," and on open discussion on Finances was held, with Mrs. Boyd, Miss Ferguson, and the Presbyterial Presidents, participating. It was agreed not to curtail any of the W.M.S. work, but to give according to the increased need. Mrs. H. E. Mouland gave the Courtesies Report, and Mrs. F. M. Mooney closed the meeting.

Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood conducted the Worship Service when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting, and Dianne and Gordon Durant played special accordion music. Mrs. E. L. Blair, of *Moose Creek,* was Guest Speaker. Visitors were present from *Morewood, Dunbar, Chesterville, Mountain* and local Societies.

Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* wearing her colourful Indian Sari, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Chesterville,* and stressed the great need for Christian literature in *India.* Mrs. Lorne Feeley presided, and Mrs. F. M. Cass was Soloist.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Iroquois,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary with a special Thank-Offering Meeting, when Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., was Guest Speaker and told of her work with the Mobile Medical Clinic on the *Bhil Field, India.* Slides were shown. Mrs. W. J. Armstrong presided, and welcomed the many guests from Sister Auxiliaries. The Junior Choir provided special music, and the Minister, the Rev. J. J. Hibbs, sang a Solo. Mrs. J. R. Millar gave the Auxiliary History from 1889 to 1964. Greetings from Brockville Presbyterial were presented by the President, Mrs. J. O. Forrester, of *Westport.*

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Thank-Offering and Home Helpers Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Martintown* was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth MacRae, with Vice-President, Mrs. Stuart Blackadder, presiding. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, Mrs. Duncan Smith, and Mrs. Duncan Christie. Mrs. Sam Eastman gave the Prayer, and Mrs. Tom Aitken, the Meditation. Mrs. Alpin MacGregor introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. W. L. MacLellan, of *Cornwall,* the District Vice - President, who spoke on "Thanksgiving," and showed the film, "The Barren Soil," dealing with the Church in *India.* Miss Clara Murray thanked the Speaker.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Perth.* President, Mrs. John Jack, *Forresters Falls,* presided at both Sessions. Morning Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Gordon Bowes; Afternoon Devotions were given by Mrs. A. Spalding, of *Perth.* The President constituted the meeting with Prayer, and welcomed Mr. R. A. Sinclair and Mrs. N. R. Dunlop, new members of Presbyterial. The report of Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Styles was received, and the Sectional Meetings were reported by Mrs. Kenneth Fraser, *Arnprior*; Mrs. George Valliant, *Renfrew*; Miss Dorothy Dodds, *Perth.* Presbyterial Secretaries presented their Reports, and announcement was made of a Workshop for Leaders of Children's Work, to be held in *Carleton Place.* The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in *Renfrew,* on January 16th, 1965.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — A Birthday Tea, sponsored by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Fairmount Taylor Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* marked the 55th Anniversary of W.M.S. work in this Church, and was held at the Fall Thank-Offering Meeting. Miss Louise Gamble, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting account of her work there. President, Mrs. W. E. P. Rumble welcomed the guests, and cut the Birthday Cake.

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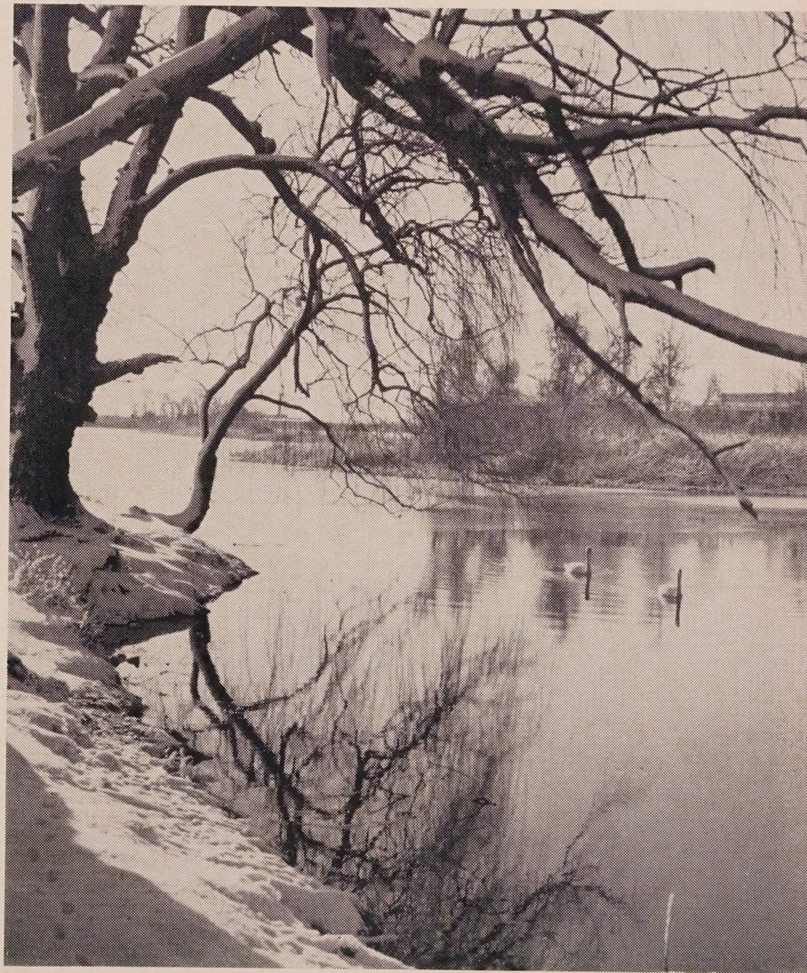

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AWAKENING !

The old trees sense it, though still their boughs are bare;
The gentle waters feel it, in the crisp, bright air;
Snowbanks still may linger, but miracles stir below—
The wonders of the Springtime are wakening neath the snow!
(L.M.C.)

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WHAT IT MEANS TO SAY — "AMEN!"

By the late REV. DR. W. A. CAMERON

FEW WORDS, I believe, in the whole vocabulary of religion, are more widely used than this simple, tender, haunting word—"Amen." Few, I fear, are less intelligently uttered by those who repeat it in their worship, than this Hebrew word, which has passed unchanged into Greek and Arabic, into Latin and English, and which rises from the lips of worshippers whenever the soul of man, in Judaism, or Islam, or Christianity, bows before God.

With what impressive variations this great word echoes through the music of the Bible! We hear it afar in "the forest of the Psalms," as chorus answers chorus, antiphonally, where it is sometimes reduplicated for emphasis, and sometimes accompanied by a rubrical direction for use in public worship. For example, in one great psalm of the Jewish Church, after the cry, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting," the direction at once comes, "and let all the people say 'Amen,' " thereby owning and confessing this God to be their God. The Jews have never ceased to attach the highest importance to the congregational repetition of "Amen." In the synagogue of Alexandrea, we learn that, at certain points in the service, a flag was waved, as a signal to the people to repeat this sacred word, and, in the early Church, it was the practice, regularly, to utter it loudly. Jerome tells us that "Amen" used to sound like thunder from the congregation.

"Amen" means "truly," or "let it be so." Commonly, in worship, we say "Amen" to some statement by another person, especially a statement of God's truth, made in His Name. If we agree to it; if it voices our own conviction; if we are prepared to stand by it; we repeat "Amen." In some Churches there has been a departure from the instruction of Scripture, and the tradition of universal faith. Worshippers have practically ceased to utter "Amen" at the close of public prayers, leaving it to the Minister to say it for them. When he does say it, he is really saying it on behalf of the congregation. James Moffatt says "In some branches of the Church, there are two lessons which need to be learned afresh in these present times. One is the devotional function of silence; the other is not only to pause in the stream of words, but to give expression to our faith in a word like "Amen"—to pronounce it with deep reverence."

It is a strange fact, that even in Churches where all the people do not say "Amen" at the close of prayer, they do use the word as the climax to their praise. Here again, the utterance may be beneath the level of real worship. It may be as glib as at the end of a prayer, if we do not put ourselves into what we are saying. People reveal themselves in the very way in which they sing "Amen." Even in a trained Choir, and often in a Congregation, it is easy to see that the word means practically nothing, for, even as it is being sung, some of the people are closing their books, or preparing to sit down. Surely this marks a failure, both of faith and music. We should be at the height of our attention when we come to it, for "Amen" is a spontaneous, intense act of faith. Sir Walford Davies, speaking as a Musician, and as a Christian, says "An 'Amen' cannot be too good. It is music's chance to embody the great Christian affirmative."

The fact is, "Amen" corresponds to "yes" in our ordinary speech. It is a deliberate affirmation. We are to say "Amen" to the Gospel which comes to us, through Jesus Christ, as the saving truth of God. Never was the insight of Paul more luminous than in those great words in the Second Letter to the Corinthians: "For all the promises of God find their yes in Him. That is why we utter the Amen through Him, to the glory of God." Write that text in your heart, and you will know that nothing is too good to be true, and that it does not lie within our power to dream a dream too fair for God to fulfill. Christ is the Divine yes to all the high, haunting questions of faith and hope and love. He is the wonderful "Lost Chord"—that "one great chord of music," which came "like the sound of a great Amen," into the jangling turmoil of the world. A man, or woman, can bear much—anything perhaps—if the echo of that music abides in the heart.

If the "Amen" is the Divine assent to our aspiration, it must also be our assent to His way and His will—assent to His commands, assent to His providence, even when painful things bow us low. To say an "Amen" in a way that God can bless, needs a life in line with God's life. We need to realize what "Amen" means. Even Macbeth, in Shakespeare's famous play of that name, found out that after his crime of murdering the king, he could not say "Amen," as he was wont to do, when the sleepy groom murmured in his drowsiness "God bless us." "But wherefore could not I pronounce 'Amen'?" he cried out to his wife. "I had most need of blessing, and 'Amen' stuck in my throat!" Already his guilt was striking home—he had taken life—he had sinned—he *could* not say "Amen." He *was* a murderer—but he was *not* a hypocrite. Yet there are many people who have no such crime to answer for, yet may be guilty of offences which stand as certainly between them and the blessing of God!

It is a brave person who, baffled by the woes of life, can nevertheless accept them as part of the will of God, and say "Amen!" It may be almost impossible to say it, but it will bring healing to the heart. "All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given!" It is not mere submission, but acceptance; not resignation, but reconciliation; and underneath it lies the faith that God never does, nor suffers to be done, but that you would do, or allow, could you but see the end, and all events as well as He.

There are those who say, with Browning, that, since God is in His Heaven, all is well with the world. That is true, but only in so far. It is not the whole truth, by many leagues. It is facile optimism to say, in the face of all the horrors of our age and time, that all is well. It is rank pessimism to feel that all is ill. There is a wiser, wider vision, which sees through the shadow, and dares to affirm that all *shall* be well "when God has made the pile complete." The final word of history will be an "Amen!" (From the Editor's Treasure Box.)

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FAITH !

Lord give me faith,
Enlightening faith,
That I may see
The things unseen
With vision clear
And crystalline.

Lord give me faith,
Far-seeing faith,
That I may tell
My soul at night
That in the sky
The stars are bright.

Lord give me faith,
Assuring faith,
That when I pass
Deep glades of fear
I'll realize
That Thou art near.

Lord give me faith,
Out-reaching faith,
That I, when tried,
May flee to Thee
And find Thy strength
My victory. (Selected)

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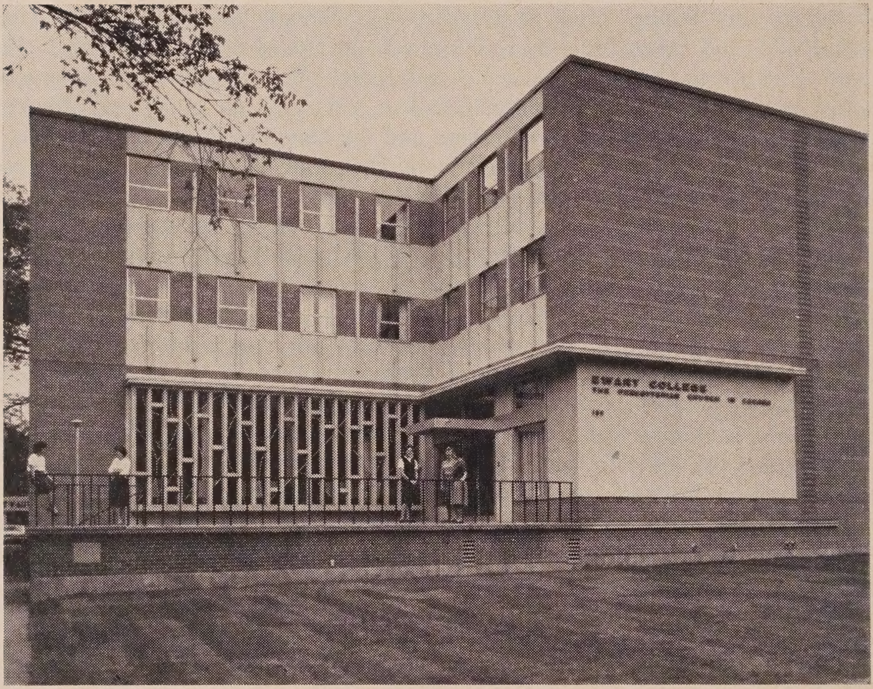

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday May 10th. 1965, to Friday May 14th. 1965, inclusive. The Theme of the Sessions will be "To Serve the Present Age", and this is found in the second verse of Hymn No. 593. The Scripture quotation at the beginning of the Hymn is from 1st. Corinthians, Chapter 6, verse 20 — "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

PRAYER

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, almighty in Thy Majesty and Power, yet filled with pitying understanding of the frailties and failures of Thy struggling children on this earth, we do thank Thee that in the fulness of Thy wisdom, love, and compassion, Thou dost permit us to call Thee, "Father", and to come to Thee in simple faith and trust, as little children seeking comfort, strength, and help, and never failing to find the steadfast surety of Thy hand outstretched in mercy and forgiveness. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for Thy continuing goodness unto us, and for the beauty, peace, and plenty of this goodly land in which we dwell.

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy divine patience with our strivings, our many faults and failures, and for Thy constant guidance when the path ahead seems baffling, and crowded with uncertainties. Grant, O Most Merciful God, we beseech Thee, that Thou wilt never leave us or forsake us, but that within each one of us Thou wilt light anew the flame of true devotion, the comforting assurance of Thy abiding presence in all we think and do, and the certain knowledge of Thy loving care and directing power, wherever we may be. Only Thou, dear Father, knowest how often, in the secret silences of our hearts, we seek so earnestly to do Thy will — and yet we fail! How strong our purposes start out to be — yet how pitifully inadequate we are in fulfilling them! Yet, always, how great is Thy mercy and Thy forgiveness toward us; how wonderful it is for us to know that Thou dost understand our weakness and our faltering, and that, always, if we wait upon Thee in trusting faith and prayer, we, too, may touch the hem of Thy garment, and hear Thy voice saying to our troubled hearts — "Peace be unto you — my peace I give unto you!"

Very specially, O God, we would remember, at this time, our own Church and its Leaders, our Ministers and Missionaries, and all the Workers in Thy task, wherever they may be. Wilt Thou be ever close to them, in sickness and in health, and richly bestow upon them the power of Thy love, that they may truly speak for Thee, as they go forth into the far places of the world, and throughout our own land as well.

Bless our own Society and all its members. Inspire each one with selfless zeal, and grant to each the deep realization of her own opportunity and responsibility to be a vital part of the work of her own Missionary Group. May we realize anew the world-wide vision, and scope of the Church's Missionary Programme, glimpse its magnitude and its needs, and earnestly strive to do our individual part for the extension of Thy Kingdom here on earth. Teach us, dear Lord, to uphold each other in prayer and fellowship; grant to us eagerness of heart and unity of purpose, as of spirit; be Thine the Power behind each plan we contemplate, and each decision we must make. Give us wisdom, clarity of judgement, and far-reaching vision, in all we seek to do for Thee, O Father, we beseech Thee.

Bless our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the Royal family, and all those Leaders throughout this troubled world upon whose shoulders rest the decisions for the way ahead, whether for good or ill. Grant unto them the wisdom and stability to recognize only that which is right and good, and to stand firm for its accomplishment. Grant us peace in our time, O Lord, and for the years ahead. Guide and direct Thy people, and endow Thy Church on earth with the power of constant witnessing to Thy redeeming love. We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour and our King. Amen.

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1915-1964

by MRS. A. J. CARMICHAEL,

Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division

THE WORK AND INTEREST of the W.M.S. (E.D.) grew, and expansion meant changes. By 1915, the Board of Management, which had originally consisted of six officers and a committee of fourteen, had secretaries for new departments, and these officers together with the Presidents of Presbyterials constitute the Board as it is at present. The first addition was a Secretary for Young People's Work in 1888. Mission Bands, editing the Y.P. part of The Message, and later C.G.I.T., came under this department. (*"Call and Response",* page 5.) Before 1900, a Foreign Mission Secretary was needed. After 1905, Home Missions, an International link with Societies in other countries, and the collecting of Historical data, all created new departments. A Publications Committee looked after The Message, choosing its Editor, and managing circulation. It also purchased materials from Scotland, the U. S., and Presbyterian Sale Rooms, Toronto, which were sent, or sold, to groups to stimulate Missionary interest. Catechisms on Trinidad, New Hebrides, were prepared in 1894, and one on British Guiana later. A manual on Mission Bands published in 1900, was revised in 1920. The Editor of The Presbyterian Message, which replaced The Message after 1925, is now a member of the Board and so is its Secretary Treasurer, who manages circulation. Publications are under the Secretary of Education and Literature, who promotes the use of Study Packets and relevant literature. Annual Reports, Constitutions, and in Memoriam Cards, are sent out from this department.

A Regional Secretary for Christian Education under the Synod of the Maritimes assists with leadership training in Children's work, C.O.C. and Explorers, C.G.I.T., and adult groups. Her salary is paid by the W.M.S. All administration since the beginning of the Society has been a voluntary service, and in it a host of devoted women have made a notable contribution to the Church, and the cause of Christ in the world.

The United Church of Canada came into being in 1925, and division was inevitable. Less than half the membership remained with the Presbyterian Church to continue the W.M.S. (E.D.). Mrs. L. A. Moore, their energetic President, visited Auxiliaries, and Presbyterials, bringing inspiration and vitality, that resulted in rallying the women to fresh effort in the cause of Missions.

After 1905, Home Missions were begun among the European Industrial workers in the steel plant and coal mines. St. Stephen Church was built in the Coke Ovens district, Sydney, and a teacher provided for school and kindergarten. This later became a united Mission in co-operation with the Methodist Church. Similar work was assisted at Scotchtown, Sydney area; Chalmers Jack, North Sydney; Trenton, Inverness, Stellarton, and Joggins in Nova Scotia; Courtney Bay and Minto in New Brunswick. Many Deaconesses and teachers were employed through the years in this work. After 1925, only one Deaconess, Miss Susan Sylvester, and one Mission, Chalmers Jack, remained with the Presbyterian Church. The need for this type of work among non-English-speaking people has passed, but the Presbytery Deaconess still carries on the work of the church at Chalmers Jack Mission. Port Receptionists at Halifax and Saint John have always been paid by the W.M.S. (E.D.). Special grants have gone to French and Hungarian work in Canada. This year a Chinese worker is employed to visit the Chinese settled in the larger centres of the Maritimes.

In 1911, one Presbyterial sent $860 to the Bursary Fund. Interest in training men and women for the work of the Church has been constant. In early years, because of the scarcity of personnel to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing church, the women prayed and gave, that there might be labourers in the Lord's "harvest". In 1818 The Pictou Ladies Society raised fifteen pounds for the new library Dr. McCulloch was establishing to train a Canadian Ministry in Pictou Academy. Any assistance in educating Ministers and Deaconesses has been freely given as Bursaries, and Grants to Colleges. A Residence in New Carlisle, Quebec, was maintained until 1933, providing a home for students from remote places, so that they could attend High School. An annual Grant goes to Camps Geddie, N.S.; Keir, P.E.I.; and Mira, N.B.

The extensive Overseas work carried on, prior to 1925, was divided after Union, and since then the Society has shared in the Church's missions in Japan, Formosa, British Guiana, and India. In Japan, the work established by Dr. L. L. Young among Koreans, received much support. His salary, and that of two lady Missionaries, were paid as well as providing buildings and equipment. At present the Board gives annual support to the Korean Pastor who studies in Canada, and to the training of Bible Women.

The Formosan Mission has received scholarships for native students, gifts to the work of Dr. and Mrs. James Dickson, and this year Miss Georgine Caldwell has been sent to Formosa for special work in Christian Education. A succession of lady Missionaries has been supported in British Guiana since 1925. The last of these was Miss Anna McDonald who resigned in 1962. Since then, Guianese Deaconesses who have been trained in the Mission — two have had post-graduate courses in Canada — are working among women and children. Their salaries, and assistance in buying two cars, have been met by the Society. A large Grant goes to the Mission each year, and much has been spent on buildings and maintenance. Burns Memorial Church, Georgetown, is named in honour of the first President of the W.M.S. (E.D.).

Various Grants have been made to the work in India, and, since 1947, Miss Mary Nicol, R.N., has worked under the Society. She is Director of The School of Nursing, Jobat Mission Hospital. Each year a grant is made to Santo Training Institute, New Hebrides. $4,500 was given for Macgregor Memorial Chapel, Nigeria. While work could be continued in China a grant went there annually.

This recollection of the past must inspire and stimulate to new achievement in God's name. Those who left this heritage reached out to every woman in every congregation, and called their members to special times of prayer. Information about Missions was disseminated, and they gave that the work might be more fruitful, under the capable guidance of those they helped to train. Truly, the call to renewed dedication is clear and unmistakable, and the Torch is passed on to us, their successors in God's service. (*"Call and Response"*, page 105.)

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MY DAILY CREED

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbour
And a little less of me!

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES 1965

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WHO WALKS WITH GOD!

He journeys far, who walks with God;
The wonders of his way
No pen can tell, no brush portray
The glories of his day.

He journeys swift, who walks with God
Stays not for time or tide;
He touches Heaven at a bound,
Takes planets in his stride!

He journeys safe, who walks with God,
His sword and shield, the Word;
Serene he fares, who buckles on
The armour of the Lord.

He journeys home, who walks with God;
The road is sure and straight.
It leads at last to jasper walls
And to an open gate! (Selected)

A VISIT TO SOUTH EAST ASIA

MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE of Glad Tidings, I told you of a journey to the Far East, to Japan and Formosa, which I was planning. While you were reading about my plans I was actually in Japan, and later in Formosa.

I invariably find a journey to one of our Overseas fields an inspiration and a challenge. This trip lived up to the maximum expectation. I fear that I may not make clear my excitement over what I saw and felt. That emotion rose for two reasons perhaps — the clear evidence that the ministeries of our missionaries had been, and were, effective, and the opportunity that we have as a Church, and as a Society, to fulfill our calling as Christians in these two countries. We have good reason to give thanks to God for both the evidence that He has used women and men sent from Canada — and for the continuing challenge for us to share in the task.

An overall impression of the work in the Korean Christian Church in Japan is one of progress — very rapid progress, when it is measured against the background of a minority people struggling as Christians to make their witness in an extremely materialistic society. One of the evidences is in new Church buildings. During the three weeks of my stay in Japan, I visited briefly one new Church building, attended the first service in a brand new structure, and shared in the dedication service of the modern-styled Church in Nagoya. During the Assembly I learned of building plans for the next year.

We all know that Church buildings, important as they are, are not the most important indicator of progress. That the Korean Christian Church in Japan is seeking to grow in the knowledge of the Christian faith; to proclaim the Christian message at home and abroad; was very clearly evidenced in the General Assembly of the Church, and in the Annual Meeting of the Women's Evangelical Association. Our Society has always had an interest in the whole work of the development of the Church abroad, but traditionally it has concentrated staff and financial support in Christian Education or, if you wish, in Evangelism. This is true in the Korean Christian Church in Japan. In this area of the Korean Church's growth this observer was deeply impressed. The fact that the Assembly appointed two full-time workers for the Christian Education Department is the outward evidence of a great deal of study, of prayer, of sheer hard work on the part of the Christian Education Committee, but particularly on the part of the two workers, Mrs. S. Sano and Miss Kuk Hi Lee, and, of your missionary in Christian Education, Miss Tamiko Nakamura. Sharing very briefly in discussion in the Christian Education Committee, and in the Women's Committee of General Assembly, it was possible to feel, at least in a small degree, the compulsion that the Korean leaders feel to do whatever God shows them to do in strengthening the Church and extending its ministry. Out of these meetings which took place at the time of the General Assembly, there came some fairly bold plans for the coming year; a year in which they will be supporting, encouraging, and planning for and with, their two new women workers.

Likewise, the women gave evidence that they felt the need to revise their patterns of activity to allow an opportunity for strengthening the witness of the Women's Evangelical Association. One of their greatest needs, in keeping with one of our own needs as a Society, is to have a teaching ministry among Korean women — particularly those who are members of the Church, but not now actively engaged in a ministry within it. There is always before them the ministry of reaching those who do not know Christ.

These evidences of growth within the Korean Church are an inspiration to the observer, and, I believe, a ministry to us all in the Canadian Church. This is not to say that there are no problems in the Korean Church. There are many. They arise out of the situation Koreans are in, in Japan. This situation leads to problems of identification — particularly for young people; problems of national loyalties; social and economic problems which the Canadian community must grapple with, and to which Christians feel called to give leadership.

To meet this need, the Koreans have a dedicated leadership. We have been privileged to meet a few of the Pastors and Elders as they have been in Canada. These men, with their fellow Christian workers, are giving themselves unstintingly to their calling. With them, when I was in Japan, were six Canadian men and women, who likewise were giving themselves wholly to the Korean Christian Church in Japan. It seemed like a small group, but one could not spend three weeks within the Korean Church and not feel deeply the influence of each, and know that God had placed each of them there for this day in the life of the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

One is always aware of activity within the Formosan Church. The pace, generally, in Formosa is considerably slower than the pace that is set in Japan. But as soon as one arrives in the country, one is immediately conscious of efforts to reach new goals of achievement, to make the Church visible in all walks of life. The day I arrived in Formosa the church officials were meeting a visiting group from the Church of Christ in Japan, who were on the same flight.

In Formosa, too, the Church is operating within the context of the uncertainty which besets all of Asia. This feeling is shoved to the background. Predominant in all the thinking is the fact that Protestant work has been going on for a century, and this fact must be suitably celebrated. One of the Anniversary projects is the "Double the Church Movement." This project has been a centenary goal for several years and it appears that the objective will be reached, or nearly reached.

The growth of the Church has been rapid; and one is thankful for this growth. But those who come into the Christian Church must find in it, constant nurture in the knowledge of the faith. They should find within the Christian community the strength to go out and face the complexities of life. So, in Formosa as in Japan, Christian Education is a great concern. It is particularly a concern among the mountain people.

To meet this concern, there is need for more of the kind of leadership which is already there: men and women who will proclaim the Gospel in several ways. In brief visits to the mountains, I saw the Gospel proclaimed through Bible study, through health clinics and health teachings, through a literacy programme and through an economic aid programme, in which the people were taught means of making a better living. I visited Yu Shan Theological Institute, where young men from the mountains are being trained in leadership in the Church. The mountain people of Formosa are seeking the knowledge of the Christian Gospel. As yet there is still inadequate leadership to meet the tremendous opportunity. Christian Education is a concern for the people of the plains too. The Church leaders are attempting to organize this part of the Church's work to meet the needs of the day.

It was a matter of considerable satisfaction, to learn that the preparation of leaders, in all phases of the ministry of the Church, had made such progress that the Church can envisage having more than enough trained Pastors and Ministers. Both the Taiwan Theological Seminary in Taipei, and Tainan Seminary in the south, are moving into several areas of training. It was a great pleasure and honour to be present, and to share in the dedication of a new Christian Education building at the Taiwan Seminary. You will remember that the W.M.S. (W.D.) share of this building was a special Anniversary project. In Tainan the seminary is giving leadership in the needs of labouring people. A new research center has been established. It is the dream of the Principal, Dr. C. Hwang, that in the next few years there may be such results from his research department that the Church will touch all phases of life in Formosa, and, in touching them, have a ministry of very deep meaning.

It has always been a pleasure for me to visit in a school situation in any country. This visit to Taiwan started with a few days in Tamsui. The Tamkang School compound has had several new additions; among them a boys' dormitory in which we have had a share. It is a handsome building. The Principal, Mr. Su Ti Tan, is anxious to add to this building. The school enrollment has now reached approximately 1,000, and there is need to provide simple, but adequate, lodging for both the boys and the girls. A Chapel is being built. Through all the years the boys' and the girls' schools have existed, they have never had an adequate place where both boys and girls may worship together.

Once again, I was reminded of the importance of the training of young minds. The young people who come to the Tamkang High Schools are more than ever being prepared to go out into life in Formosa. More important, many are finding, for the first time, the Love of Christ in the various ministries of the school. The Principal and his staff have given a great deal of thought to the needs of the young people in Formosa today. They are anxious to continue to provide the kind of training that will give, if possible, a wider opportunity in education, so that the Tamkang School, which is known as a Christian school, might provide the very highest standard of training.

As I journeyed to Formosa this time, I realized that it would in all likelihood be the last time I would visit this country while Miss Dorothy Douglas and Miss Hildur Hermanson were on our staff there. I had quite mixed emotions in thinking of this fact. But I came away thankful to have realized in a way I may not have realized before, how much these two women have contributed to the life of the Formosan Church. Miss Douglas, in the years she has spent in the Tamkang School, has helped many young men and women to know their Lord and Master. She has set a standard of workmanship which those who have been her students respect. Miss Hermanson has met thousands of Formosan and mountain people, young and old, in her ministry of healing. She has a reputation in Formosa, a reputation built on the standards that she has set. An observer cannot but realize that the Church of Jesus Christ is built by those to whom God gives great gifts, and who in return give them back to His service. This, Dorothy Douglas and Hildur Hermanson have done in fullest measure all their lives.

The Society has only three staff people in Formosa now. The third is Miss Isabel Taylor. She too has given her life to the work of the Church in Formosa. She, like her colleagues, has established a standard of Christian witness. There will undoubtedly be young women going forth into this field of service. As they go, they will have had set for them a pattern of Christian obedience and service based on the love which Christ gives to His servants.

One does dare to look ahead with, and for, this Church in Formosa. The observer is caught in the enthusiasm of those who, whether they are Formosan, mountain people, or missionaries from England, the United States or Canada, are enthusiastic and eager in the cause of Christ's Kingdom in Formosa. In this centenary year of Protestant work, it is a privilege for us to be able to have some share in the thanksgiving for what God has wrought in this place. We also have the privilege and opportunity of continuing to share in Formosa's future.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, who are serving the Chinese in Vancouver — Miss Ruth Yeandle; Miss Susan Yeung; Miss Annie Wilson; Miss Elsie Lee. We give thanks for their devoted witness, and pray that, in the months ahead, they will be richly blessed, as they give leadership and guidance to children and youth. May their efforts result in many coming to know of Christ's love.

—For our Missionary, Miss Catherine Watson, serving at Tyndale House, Montreal. May she be given health and strength for the very important task to which she is committed. We give thanks for her sincere devotion to the work of the Inner City.

—For all women around the world, as they join in a Service of Prayer and Commitment on March 5th., that to each one may come a new understanding of what the Lord requires of her.

—For all representatives of Presbyterian women's groups as they come together at Synodical Annual meetings, that they may be given wisdom and understanding in planning for the days ahead.

—For the work of the Korean Christian Church in Japan; pray especially for Mrs. S. Sano and Miss Kuk Hi Lee, as they are assuming new and large responsibilities in the Department of Christian Education.

—For the work of the Formosan Presbyterian Church. Pray that the centenary celebrations may be days and weeks of great blessing; that, through the celebrations, the Holy Spirit may strengthen and lift the members of the Church, and the people of Formosa.

In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Wesley B. Tudhope	Esson, Oro	Barrie
Miss Ruth Ralston	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. Charles Brown	St. Paul's, Victoria Harbour	Barrie
Mrs. Kenneth Riddell	St. Andrew's, Cardinal	Brockville
Mrs. Wm. (Sadie) McLaws	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Clark	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. James (Katherine) Kay	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Miss Margaret Fisher	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Miss Jean Hamilton	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. Harry C. Tait	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. A. R. Henderson	St. Andrew's, Markham	East Toronto
Mrs. Thomas Fourney	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Mrs. Alexander MacDougall	St. Luke's, Finch	Glengarry
Mrs. Annie McKinnon	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. W. J. Van Norman	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Miss Annie Hay	Knox, Galt	Guelph
Miss Davina Gilchrist	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. Mary House	Presbyterian, Chippawa	Hamilton
Mrs. J. G. Mullen,	First, Seaforth	Huron
Mrs. A. W. Lewis	Knox, St. Thomas	London
Mrs. B. B. Borbridge	Knox, St. Thomas	London
Miss Charlotte Davidson	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. H. Campbell	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. W. L. Speir	Melville, Brussels	Maitland
Mrs. (Rev.) E. Earle Eaton	Presbyterian, Innerkip	Paris
Mrs. Gladys German	St. Paul's Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. Anne Isabelle Mahoney	St. Paul's, Prince Albert	Prince Albert
Mrs. Marion Sangster	Presbyterian, Stoughton	Regina
Miss Harriet Johnston	St. Andrew's, Sarnia	Sarnia
Mrs. Alexander Henderson	Amos, Dromore	Saugeen
Mrs. John Donnelly	Knox, Palmerston	Saugeen
Mrs. J. R. Young	St. Paul's, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. Nellie Shaw	St. Paul's, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. George (Emily) Fenwick	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto

In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Alsey Norton	Caven, Bolton	West Toronto
Mrs. N. Stevenson	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. R. Woodhouse	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. J. E. Austen	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. C. R. Peckover	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto

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WAKENING!

This mortal dies —
But, in the moment
When the light fails here,
The darkness opens,
And the vision clear
Breaks in the eyes.
The veil is rent —
On the enraptured gaze
Heaven's glory breaks;
This mortal sleeps —
But in that moment wakes!
John Oxenham.

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"UNTO MY WIFE"

The Oldest Will known to students of history was executed 4,500 years ago in Kahun, Egypt, by Uah in 2548 B.C., in which he said:

"I, Uah, am giving a title to property to my wife Sheftu, the woman of Gesab, who is called Teta, the daughter of Sat Sepdu, of all things given to me by my brother ANKH-REN. She shall give it to any she desires of her children she bears me.

As to my tomb, let me be buried in it with my wife alone.

Moreover as to the house built for me by my brother ANKH-REN, my wife shall dwell therein without allowing her to be put forth on the ground by any person.

It is the deputy Gebu who shall act as guardian of my son.

Done in the presence of these witnesses:

KEMEN, Decorator of Columns,

APU, Doorkeeper of the Temple,

SENB, Son of Senb, Doorkeeper of the Temple."

OPERATION "MIDDLEMAN"

by MRS. JOHN POSNO

Home Missions Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Society (E.D.)

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD of the Bamboo curtain? It isn't really a curtain at all, nor is it made of bamboo. In fact, unlike the Berlin Wall, it is invisible; but it is there, an effective barrier between the great land of China and the rest of the world. There are visible and tangible barriers marking the frontiers of Communist China, but like the Iron Curtain, the counterpart in Eastern Europe, the Bamboo Curtain is an idiological barrier, put up by an anti-Christian Government, to keep out ideas and influences from the Western World, including (and perhaps particularly) Christian ideals spread by Missionaries, Bibles and Christian literature. The Bamboo Curtain has been in place since 1951 and 1952, when hundreds of Protestant Missionaries had to leave China, crossing the "Freedom Bridge" into the Free Territories bordering Hong Kong, and the channels of communication with the Chinese Church were severed. It is now practically impossible to break through the Bamboo Curtain to try to help the Chinese people, who live on the other side.

But not all Chinese live behind the Bamboo Curtain! They are ubiquitous; their intelligence and industry have taken them to every country in the world. Hundreds of Chinese families have settled in Canadian cities and towns, such as Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax and Montreal. There may be Chinese boys and girls attending school with your own children; there may be a Chinese family living just around the corner, or you may sometimes eat a meal in a Chinese restaurant. There may even be some Chinese families in your Church; they may be your friends, but these are exceptions. The majority of Chinese Canadians, though they live in the same kind of house as you do, ride in the same trains and street cars, shop in the same stores, are still strangers, lonely and confused, and with no friends who are not Chinese. Many have never entered a Christian Church, and have no idea what it is all about. They are still living behind a Bamboo Curtain, a curtain made up of ignorance and misunderstanding and lack of the English Language, and on our part, all too often, sheer indifference. They do not understand our way of life, and we have not bothered to help them understand a culture pattern so different from the age-long customs and traditions of the Orient. With the exception of special Chinese work in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Sudbury, Windsor and Montreal, we have done little to show them that there is a welcome for them in the Christian Church.

In the Atlantic Provinces, there are Chinese communities in Halifax, in the Sydney area of Cape Breton, and in Newfoundland, and smaller groups of Chinese families in other towns. Some years ago the Churches in these areas began to be concerned about the lack of contact between the Chinese residents and the Churches. At the invitation of the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, a Chinese Christian woman from Thailand spent several months in the Maritimes about three years ago, visiting many of the Chinese people in homes and restaurants and helping some — but her stay was all too short. The search went on for someone who could come and live among the Chinese people, and a few months ago an invitation was sent by the Eastern Division to Miss Elsie Lee, then working in the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Through the kind co-operation of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, Miss Lee came to Halifax in September, to begin visiting among the many Chinese in this great city, as a Missionary to her own people, on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches. Miss Lee is in fact our "Middleman", one who can go through this "Bamboo Curtain" to teach and help the Chinese on one side, and at the same time, reach out to the other side to help us understand and make friends with the Chinese people.

In her first month in Halifax, Miss Lee was able to visit about a hundred Chinese families, and found a welcome in many homes. Some of the women she has met know very few English words, only "yes" and "no"; "Please" or "Goodbye"; this makes the simplest shopping trip a difficult problem for them. Others have a "mouthful" of English, but not enough to enable them to attend an English service in a Christian Church, and understand what is going on. Some have never been inside a Church; they explain that in their village homes in China there was no Church or Missionary, and, when they went to Hong Kong, among all the crowds of people there they met no one interested enough to take them to a Christian service. Here in Canada, they still find no one interested in them, no welcome from the Christian Church, until our "Middleman" came to call. Many have listened eagerly as Miss Lee taught them the simple, but profound, truths that God loves them and gave His Son to save and help them; they say, "We believe what you tell us!" Some of these Chinese women were glad to learn a simple prayer, for they said, "In

China we know how to worship idols, but we do not know how to pray to God!"

Here and there cracks are appearing in this "Bamboo Curtain", as the "Middleman" goes to work in this very important part of "Mission on our Doorstep". Miss Lee has now completed four months' work in Halifax, and she reports that there are many Chinese women who like to listen to the Gospel story and to read the Chinese Christian literature, but have not been able to attend a Church service because they do not understand English. Some have learned to pray about their domestic problems; one is praying that her son's wife and child may be allowed to come from Hong Kong to join him in Halifax. Another is beginning to study the Word of God in the Chinese characters; seventy-five year old Mrs. Lee, sad and lonely since her only son was killed in a plane crash, has found comfort in the Word of God and prayer. In many Chinese homes the children have quickly made friends with Miss Lee; a mother is happy to see her nine-year old boy reading a Bible Story Book; and some parents will permit their children to attend Sunday School if someone will take them. A Chinese girl in Moncton, in whose home Miss Lee visited at the end of September, has attended Sunday School regularly since then, and "she feels at home in Church now!"

Christmas brought special opportunities, and more cracks have appeared in the "Bamboo Curtain". On Christmas Eve, Miss Lee was delighted to meet a group of Chinese University students, and to find that some of them were interested in Christianity. She learned that there are about eighty Chinese University students in Halifax. Special Christmas literature was given out in many homes, for Miss Lee finds that "most of the Chinese think Christmas is only a festival." They do not understand that it is the birthday of our Saviour . . . "I took two Chinese women to a W.M.S. Christmas Service at St. David's. Although they do not understand a word of English, they enjoyed meeting the W.M.S. members. This was their first time to go to Church!" Language is still the Number One Problem, but the language of a smile is understood on both sides of the "Bamboo Curtain"! A little crack lets through a beam of light and happy sounds, and the joyous atmosphere of a Christmas service can be felt, even when no word of English is understood.

Two-way traffic through the "Curtain" has begun, as Christian literature finds its way into Chinese homes, and Chinese women and children find their way into Christian services, W.M.S. meetings and Sunday Schools. A Minister writes a letter in an attempt to re-unite a Chinese family; a W.M.S. member (only partially recovered from a serious accident) spends hours introducing Miss Lee to local Chinese, and marking on a map the streets where they live; a busy Minister's wife, in the midst of Christmas preparations, drops her work at a moment's notice to go visiting with Miss Lee, and invite Chinese children to Sunday School. Only cracks in the "Curtain"? Yes, but a beginning has been made, and our Chinese neighbours are discovering that there is a welcome for them in the Christian Church.

Early in January, Miss Lee will travel to Sydney in Cape Breton, and "Operation Middleman" will move into its second phase, as the "Middleman" begins her work among the Chinese residents of this industrial area on the shores of the broad Atlantic. Here, in Glace Bay, four Chinese families, who already attend the Presbyterian Church, are waiting to welcome Miss Lee, and will introduce her to their friends. This is one aspect of "Mission on our Doorstep" which claims the prayerful interest and active support of Presbyterian women right across Canada. Perhaps, you too, can help to break through the "Curtain" by making friends with the Chinese people you meet. They are not really "poker-faced", but quickly respond to a smile and a friendly word. Try it!

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ANCIENT WISDOM

Cicero, Roman philosopher and statesman, said this some 2,000 years ago, and it is still true today. The six mistakes of man are:

1. The delusion that personal gain is made by crushing others.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

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CAMPING IN THE EARLY DAYS

WHEN FORMER CGIT'ers begin to talk about the old days they invariably think about Camp, for camping was a part of the CGIT programme from the beginning.

Miss Nellie Smith, now of Toronto, but in 1922 a leader in Collingwood, Ontario, writes "Like all leaders, I thought every girl should have the experience that only Camp can bring, and the only way possible to bring that about was to have a Camp of our own. We were loaned a beautiful site on the shores of Georgian Bay. There were no buildings on the property; therefore, we had to provide and erect our own tents. Our beds were cedar boughs. All cooking was done outside, and this worked fine, except when it rained! A spring on the property provided our drinking water, and the Georgian Bay provided for the rest of our needs. Each day found us taking a tin pail, and going to a nearby farm for milk." Miss Smith was a leader at many later Camps but she says "Often my thoughts turned back to my first Camp, which never came up to *any* standards but gave each camper a real and lasting experience to carry with her all her life." The accompanying picture of two campers in the 1920's was sent to us by Miss Smith.

Campers in the 20's!
(Sent by Miss Nellie Smith)

Another memory of the group living in the out-of-doors comes from Miss Vera Carr, of Toronto. "Do you remember the many outings when, instead of hopping into a car, you walked for miles to have an outdoor fire and supper, the thrill of a Service of Worship around the fire before starting the long trek home, tired but happy? (Tired! that is the leader, of course, not the girls.) I wonder why it always managed to pour rain when you took the girls on a weekend camping expedition! Of course, there were also the many lovely nights when you slept out under the star-filled sky, and with awe realized the beauty that God our Creator has provided for us."

Camp means many experiences for teenage girls. Miss Agnes Roy recalls lying on a dock, after Bible Study Session, and discussing whether you could *really* love people you did not like.

Camping led at least one person into becoming a member of CGIT. Miss Margaret Marshall's visit as a small child to the first camp held near Calgary, under the direction of the late Mrs. B. Polly. "It was a lovely day—I am not sure whether it was the meat pie for luncheon, or the activities, that so delighted me that I could hardly wait for my twelfth birthday, so that I, too, could be a Canadian Girl in Training." Miss Marshall contributed the accompanying picture of a group on a hike.

A well-dressed camper in the early days wore "full pleated bloomers with middies, and we were told to take a suitable dress for Sunday. Later 'knickers' and 'breeks' with knee socks were worn in cool weather, and shorts on hot days, but slacks did not appear until a much later date" reports Mrs. John Middleton.

Miss Jean M. MacGregor of New Glasgow, N.S., has similar

Out For a Hike in 1925
(Sent in by Miss Margaret Marshall)

memories of camping in the Maritimes. She recalls how the senior girls and leaders in the three Presbyterian churches in New Glasgow planned for a Camp in 1926. This is believed to be the first Presbyterian Camp in the Maritime Provinces. Miss McGregor writes "We were given the use of a small vacant farm beside the river, about five miles from New Glasgow. The only building on the property was an empty house. Each person brought her own blankets, and a large cotton tick to be stuffed with hay. We slept in tents. Everyone enjoyed Camp, in spite of the primitive equipment and we had many strange and amusing experiences. One night, a girl flung her arm outside her bedding and came in contact with a porcupine. When the quills were removed, she insisted on saving them to show her grandchildren!"

A CGIT leader for many years, Miss Jean MacDonald, of Sydney, N.S., has reminded us of the little verse which expresses the way so many former campers feel about their camping days

"Once you have been a camper,
Something has come to stay
Deep in your heart forever,
Which nothing can take away."

(How many of the girls in your church are having the opportunity to Camp as a part of their CGIT experience? Could your women's group help to make it possible for one or more girls to attend Camp? Or perhaps, could you give leadership at a Camp? Interested and responsible women are constantly being needed to give leadership at all of our Church Camps. There are Camps for girls in each of our Synods across Canada. Information about the Camps in your area could be obtained from your Minister or your Regional Secretary.)

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THESE WILL ENDURE!

There will be Beauty always,
Beyond the touch of wars;
Apple trees in blossom,
Whiteness of stars;
Music of falling waters
Bird song beneath the eaves,
Velvety crimson roses
And Autumn leaves;
Rainbows spanning the heavens,
The fragrance lilacs distil,
And across the purple darkness
A moon-drenched hill!
Pale dawns and glowing sunset,
Wide spaces, and emerald sod,
Beauty—and God!

(Selected)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

RICHER BY INDIA, By Myra Scovell

One is always assured of a thoroughly readable, interesting, and worthwhile book when the Author is Myra Scovell, not only because of her ability as a writer, but because of her well-travelled experience and observation of the people, and that part of the world in which she lives at the time of writing, or even in retrospect. This book is no exception. Her husband is a well-known Missionary Doctor, and in this book, which is rich in the every-day life, outlook, and viewpoints, of India and her people, she tells about her six years spent in that country with her husband, and her three youngest children. There are excellent illustrations, which add to the good and authentic atmosphere of India, which pervades the whole book. A factual and rewarding book — Price $3.85.

MY HEART HAS SEVENTEEN ROOMS
By Carol Bartholomew

This book, too, is about India, but quite different in locale, and in the life it records. Mrs. Bartholomew's reason for being in India, with her husband and three children, was that her husband was an Engineer, an American Consultant on the building of the great Bhakra Dam in North India. Their home was in the Company Town, and they lived next door to the Hospital of seventeen rooms — the only Hospital for 100 miles in any direction, to which patients come from even as far away as Nepal and Tibet. Like all other wives in the Company Town, she had Indian servants who did all the housework, and cared for the children, so, having had some hospital experience, and time on her hands, she volunteered, through one of the Doctors to help in the Hospital. So welcome was this offer, and so great the need for help, that Mrs. Bartholomew soon was giving most of her time to helping in many ways in this isolated Hospital. In her book, she tells of the experiences of those years; of the patients she came to know so well; of the life in the Company Town; and of the personal lives of the Indian helpers, their families, customs, and needs. The Author writes well, has a good sense of humour, and the life of India which she recounts, is authentic and well told. Price — $4.50.

PIONEER GIRL, By Maryanne Caswell

Some of you may have read what are now the different chapters of this most human and interesting book, because, for quite a time, these delightful letters of Maryanne Caswell, were published serially. Now it is possible to have them all gathered together in book form — and a truly fascinating book it is! These are the authentic letters of a fourteen-year-old girl, of the year 1887, just as she wrote them to her beloved Grandma Caswell, back in Palmerston, Ontario, both as she was trudging along with her family (of which she was the oldest child) over long, newly-broken, prairie trails, to a new homestead in a newly-opened pioneer district near Saskatoon, in Saskatchewan; after they arrived, and during the first six months of turning that barren homestead into a home. All the happenings along the way, and during the home-making, are chronicled with truth, humour and poignancy, and the surprising wisdom of a teen-ager of that period. This whole story is absolutely true, and is the living experiences of our early Canadian West, though few there were who could tell them so candidly and graphically, so wittily and appealingly.

The whole trip, by slow train and slower ox wagon, is a month-long epic — indeed, a vivid picture of how Western Canada came to be what it is to-day, and of the fine staunch-hearted people who made it so. Fortunately for us to-day, Grandma Caswell treasured those precious letters, and many years later they came again into Maryanne's hands — then Mrs. Hilliard. In 1952, they were a feature of a Special Anniversary Issue of the newspaper, "The Saskatoon-Star-Phoenix". Later still, they came to the attention of the C.B.C. Programme Planners, and they were read over C.B.C.'s "Trans-Canada Matinee". Now, the whole enthralling story, as contained in those girlhood letters, is available in this new and interesting book "Pioneer Girl", which I can enthusiastically recommend to readers of all ages. This is true "Canadiana", at its best. Price $2.95.

WOMAN TO WOMAN, By Eugenia Price

If you are already familiar with this very fine Christian woman, through her books, which reflect so strongly her own joy and faith in the Christian life, then you will welcome with great happiness this new book "Woman to Woman", the latest from her inspired pen. If you have not yet made the acquaintance of her other books — "Share My Pleasant Stones; A Woman's Choice; Discoveries; Never a Dull Moment, (this is especially for teen-agers); Beloved World — the Story of God and People as Told from the Bible" — then this is your real opportunity to learn, through her keen wisdom and insight, "the difference it makes when a woman's personality is Christ — Controlled". This, she amplifies and discusses in some twenty avenues of every woman's life, living, and thinking. A very fine book. Price $2.95.

TAKE NOTE – ALL EVENING GROUPS!

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Be sure to include in your plans for the Spring of 1965, this important event!

APRIL 30th – MAY 1st – MAY 2nd

The Biennial Conference will be held
in
Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ont.

THEME: "SO SEND I YOU"

Arrange to have your Group well represented to share in this Week-End of Fellowship.

Further information will be received by groups in due course.

MIRACLES

"The miracles of wakening Spring
God's first and fairest were,
The wonders of the earth are things
Which constantly are there!"

(Roy Helton—1886)

Boys and Girls!

DEAR FELLOW EXPLORERS!

(The following letter has been compiled from letters written by five Indian Canadian Explorers, from Sioux Village, Manitoba. The Explorer group at Waterloo, Ontario, wish to share the letters with Explorers across Canada.)

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

"Dear Fellow Explorers:

We have finished studying India. Our group had a Jalsa Festival but we couldn't have saris because there wasn't enough material to go around.

For a Community project, our Counsellor took us to the City Hall. It was fun. We visited the rooms from top to basement. We met the Mayor in his office. We also saw policemen. The constable, a mounted policeman, had on his brown duty uniform. He showed us the jail, which we stepped into for a few minutes. I sure wouldn't like to be in for a couple of months.

We had a play called "Susie's Gift" on Christmas Eve at our church. Joyce played Susie, the daughter; Beryl, the father; Phyllis, the mother; Diane, Elizabeth the next door neighbour; Margie was Mary, and had a doll as Jesus.

Then at Easter we made Easter baskets for our grandmothers. The baskets had some Easter eggs in them.

We live out of town in a place called Sioux Village. There are five girls in our group. Their names are, Diane Taylor, Chief Explorer; Phyllis Pashe, Keeper of the log; Joyce Pashe, Keeper of the Treasure; Beryl Chaske and Margie Pashe are members too. The meetings are at our Counsellor's home, right after school. Her husband picks up Joyce and Beryl at school because it is too far to walk; the other walk.

We like being in Explorers. We like playing skipping best of all. We like the girls at school. They always skip with us.

Five Indian Canadian Explorers

Clockwise from left corner—Beryl Chaske, Diane Taylor, Joyce Pashe, Marjorie Pashe and Phyllis Pashe.

We are taking our meeting this week writing to you. Our Counsellor just took our picture with us writing. We would be very happy if you could come to see us in a few years.

It is the end of the meeting so we will close.

Yours sincerely, Joyce Pashe; Phyllis Pashe; Diane Taylor; Beryl Chaske; Marjorie Pashe."

(The Explorers who wrote the letters are nine- and ten-year-olds. In the fall of 1964, *the Counsellor and her husband, the Reverend and Mrs. John Burkhart, moved to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Amherstburg, Ontario. Let us hope that a Counsellor will be found for the Explorer group at Sioux Village.)*

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IF WE WERE WISE!

I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes
And thought how carefully we'd teach
If we were wise! (Selected)

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

—That a new Presbyterian Student Centre, located near the main campus of the National University of Mexico is to be opened early this year? Built by the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, the new Church Centre will provide living quarters for some thirty students, and will have a large Conference Room for special student gatherings and Programmes. The National University of Mexico has an enrolment of 140,000 students.

—That Sister Margaret Reid, a Deaconess, has just become the first woman to be accepted as a candidate for the Ministry by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand? As a graduate of the Presbyterian Theological Hall, in Dunedin, and also holding a Bachelor of Science degree, Miss Reid will not require further theological training before being licensed as a probationer of the Church. Ordination of women was approved by the New Zealand Presbyterian General Assembly at its Sessions in 1962.

—That for the first time, the Belgian Government has made a remarkable concession on behalf of the Protestants of that country, by authorizing a Special Issue of postage stamps, each bearing a surtax, and this has already realized $60,000 to be used for a Protestant Church and an Ecumenical Centre in downtown Brussels? This plan was instigated by the Rev. Pieter Fagel, who was the promoter of the splendid Protestant Pavilion at the 1958 Brussels World Fair, and it is his 125-year-old, Dutch-speaking congregation which is to be housed in the projected Ecumenical Centre and Church.

—That in France, Pastor Marc Boegner, the Honorary President of the French Protestant Federation, and the first Protestant Pastor in 300 years to be elected a member of the famed French Academy, has now been promoted to the rank of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, one of the highest recognitions the French State can confer? Now 83 years old, Pastor Boegner still takes an active part in the movement for Christian unity; is a former co-President of the World Council of Churches; and attended, as a Guest Observer, the third Session of the Vatican Council.

—That the New Bible House in New York City, when opened in 1966 by the American Bible Society, will contain a Library of over 100,000 volumes, devoted to only one book — the Bible — now printed in 1200 languages and dialects. The 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society will be celebrated in 1966.

—That Protestants in Poland will present a seven-volume edition of Martin Luther's works to their country, when the Polish Nation celebrates its 1000th Anniversary in 1966? This Polish edition of Luther's writings has been in preparation by a Committee of Polish scholars for more than 14 years, and the Rector of the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw says that other Anniversary Gifts to Poland will be a new translation of the Bible, and an Anthology dealing with the Protestant Churches' contribution to Polish culture.

—Speaking in Melbourne, Australia, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, said that he does not look for a single world church under one jurisdiction. The noted Anglican leader said that the advance of the Roman Catholic Church into the movement of friendship among Christians is a step toward Christian unity. However, Dr. Fisher declared, Christian unity does *not* mean a single organic structure, but unity in friendship and understanding. He hailed the advance toward unity, but cautioned against well-meaning attempts to hurry it, which could lead to frayed tempers. Christian unity has to be a gradual process, Dr. Fisher concluded.

—The first ordination service for women pastors has been conducted at the Grossmunster Church in Zurich, Switzerland. As a result of Swiss church legislation adopted recently, twelve women were ordained to the full-time ministry at the special Zurich service. All of these new women ministers have been serving for several years as pastors' assitants or as acting pastors in local congregations.

—That a special postage stamp has been issued in Canberra to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Inland Mission. This organization is devoted to filling the religious, social and medical needs of scattered families and settlements in the remote back country, and was founded in 1912 by the Presbyterian Church in Australia. The first clergyman in the mission outposts were equipped with camel teams and pack horses for travelling. Later on, the Inland Mission originated the idea of flying Doctors, which is now used in many missions around the world.

—The Hungarian Bible Council, through the Publications Department of the Reformed Church of Hungary, has produced ninety thousand complete Bibles and forty-three thousand New Testaments in the past seven years. The Bible Council is made up of representatives from the various evangelical churches of Hungary. Translation commissions of the Council are now at work on a new translation of the Bible into Hungarian.

"ONE WORLD COMMON TO US ALL!"

"THE SUNDAY supper-dishes had been cleared in the usual fashion of Gilmor-Sloane House, the Ecumenical Center at Stony Point, forty miles up the Hudson River from New York City. Only a week before, the women around that table had arrived from Accra and Baghdad; from Pisa and Teheran; from Hong Kong and Sialkot; from Bangkok and Nairobi; from Mindanao and Manila; from Calabar, Seoul, and Rio de Janeiro!

Now, fourteen Christian women from as many different countries had just completed a week of orientation to the United States — its churches, its family life, its social problems. In this effort, the women, along with their hostesses from the United States, had discovered that they all walked common ground.

In today's life of startling social and technological change, women's questions were the same: How can illiteracy be overcome fast enough? How can more opportunities for education be created? How can help be given in the transition from rural to urban life, from soil-tilling to factory production lines? Population explosion; unemployment; divided and broken families; all were recognized as problems in every country. What is the reply of the Church of Jesus Christ to these common needs? Some answers might be forthcoming from the Ecumenical Conversations for which they were preparing. When they left Stony Point, they were all to go into communities throughout the United States for conversations with American women.

Common problems, common concerns, common hopes and dreams, under their common Lord, bound them together. It was natural that on their last night at the Orientation Center they would share verses from the Bible, and their own response to these scriptures. As the last quotation and comment was given, an ancient oil lamp was lit, symbol of the Light that had given light to their own lives, and to the Church throughout the world.

In response to the experience, one of the group said, "This place has been the Upper Room where we have waited for the Holy Spirit. We have lived together this week in love and in forgiveness. We have shared our families, our countries, our concerns and problems, and we have discovered the one world common to us all. Now we are being sent out across this land and back to our countries to share what we have known here."

From this "upper room" experience at Stony Point and further experience in the United States during the early summer, the visitors have now returned to their own countries. Christ's words to the church have taken on added significance for us all: 'Fear not, I have overcome the world. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Courtesy of "Concern")

WILD AND FREE!

by MRS. P. M. HENRY

The Mountain Pastors and Elders came to town — twenty of them — from the distant and isolated, small Payuma tribe, at the southern end of the Island of Formosa. Now these people have ten Christian Churches. Their coming and their going was like the flight of birds. We were expecting them, and they were reported to be at a certain Church, bedded down for their brief stay in Taipei. When we arrived, however, there was no sight of them, and the caretakers knew nothing of the plans, or the whereabouts of the group. Experienced bird-watchers and Missionaries do not give up, so the report came again next morning.

They were to be at the Presbyterian Compound, and they might sing! Risking a second disappointment more than paid off. They did come — each carrying a small cloth-tied bundle of necessities for the trip. They were dressed in conventional Formosan tourist style—white shirts, ties, and dark trousers, and conventional leather shoes. A second glance picked out the distinctive "mountain people" features, and the variations existing between them — Eskimo, American Indian, and Pacific Islands faces, light to dark skins.

They wilted in the low-land humidity, and gravitated toward the porch off the room into which they were guided. Fans passed out were used vigorously. They spoke softly among themselves, and moved with a certain dignity and freedom. Their leader, the Pastor appointed by the General Assembly to work with the scattered groups, spoke English with us easily, and conversed in Japanese and in Payuma with them.

Various Church leaders from the offices on the Compound were introduced, explained a bit about their work, and offered their assistance, asking only to be called upon. They were attentive, and then quietly announced their appreciation for the opportunity to make this trip to see the work of their sister Churches, and to learn from them. Each man was introduced, and his title, or place in the tribe, was given — Chief, leader, police, school teacher, Pastor. And then their Song Leader, the teacher, said they would like to sing for us. I don't think there were more than a dozen of us, and we each wished immediately for a dozen more friends to have been there.

The teacher is a man with graying hair, and a face which actually gave out a shining light as he took his position before the group to sing his own composition — a song of greeting. He stood with his weight on one foot, the other to the side, tapping the time. His whole body became a vibrating instrument as the music poured out. His arms were slightly outstretched at his sides, the palms of his hands turned out and the fingers curling slightly, offered the song, and pleaded for its acceptance. There were no stops used to muffle, or soften, the free flow of his voice through slightly-parted lips. A few word-sounds were joined together by longer vowel phrases. He explained that the song of the mountain people is to *express* an emotion, not to *describe* one. For those who have a bit of the wild in them, the response is like steel filings to a magnetic field; the scattered bits all turn in the direction of the singer's leading.

An embarrassed brother took the singing part of a woman in a duet with his brother. A trio wove a fantastic fugue of sounds. Then the Leader arranged the whole group to sing a three-part composition, again of his own — one of appreciation. And the walls failed to hold in those clarion sounds, made for deep valleys and steep mountain heights—where the invitation has been extended to visit, and to hear these people sing again.

(Sent to us by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.)

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SALT OF THE EARTH

Happy are the humble-minded, for they already belong to the Kingdom of Heaven!

Happy are those who know what sorrow means, for they will be given courage and comfort!

Happy are those who claim nothing, for the whole earth will belong to them!

Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied!

Happy are the kind-hearted, for they will have kindness shown to them!

Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God!

Happy are those who make peace, for they will be known as sons of God.

Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

And what happiness will be yours when people blame you and ill-treat you and say all kinds of slanderous things against you for my sake! Be glad then, yes, be tremendously glad—for your reward in Heaven is magnificent. They persecuted the prophets before your time in exactly the same way.

—From J. B. PHILLIPS's translation of the New Testament.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Sooke,* Mrs. J. L. W. McLean was Guest Speaker, and spoke both on the Mission Work in *Nigeria*, showing *Nigerian* slides and handicrafts; and the Anniversaries Celebration and Annual Council Meetings in *Montreal* last May. President, Mrs. F. Richardson, conducted the Devotional Period, and, at the Social Hour following, Mrs. McLean answered many questions.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. A. Rose, whose husband, the Rev. Dr. Rose, for four years served on the staff of Christian Hospital, in *Wonju, South Korea,* was Guest Speaker when the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held its Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Rose illustrated her address with slides, as she told of conditions in *Korea* at the present time. A Group Thanksgiving Devotional was given by members of the Auxiliary. A Social Hour of Fellowship followed the meeting.

This Auxiliary also held a Christmas Luncheon arranged by the Social Convener, Mrs. A. R. Hannah and her committee. At the Auxiliary Meeting following the Luncheon, President, Mrs. S. E. Gunn welcomed, and introduced, the many visitors, and the Leaders of the C. O. C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T. Groups. Mrs. C. L. Wood, recently returned from 44 years of Missionary Work in *India,* gave a Christmas Devotional, using Psalm 116 as her Theme. A "Shower of Gifts" for Hospital Patients was received from members of the Auxiliary.

At a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* Mrs. Malcolm Peacock, for many years Treasurer of this Auxiliary, was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Some 100 persons attended the

Initiation Service of the newly-organized C.G.I.T. Group, at a special Sunday Evening Service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw*. The Rev. S. R. Thompson conducted the Service, and participating in the Initiation were Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, and Mrs. Dean Findlay, Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary. Miss Boyd gave a brief meditation on the place of the C.G.I.T in the life of the Church. Special music was provided by the C.O.C. and the Explorer Groups.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — At the Teen Girls' Rally held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale* an attendance of 58, was recorded, including girls and Leaders from *Prince Albert, Melfort, Sylvania, Carraganda,* and *Tisdale*. This Rally is held in place of a C.G.I.T. Rally in this area, as more girls feel free to attend when it is for all Presbyterian Teen-Age Girls. Mrs. S. J. Sharkey, Presbyterian Girls' Organization Secretary was in charge, and the *Tisdale* girls, with their Leader, Mrs. Les Fenton, were in charge of welcoming, registration, name tags, games and Luncheon. The Service of Worship was given by *Melfort* C.G.I.T. Group, led by Mrs. I. Robson and Mrs. H. Reeder. An informative Bible Study was conducted by Miss Hilda Blackwell, *Prince Albert* Presbytery Deaconess. Reports of C.G.I.T. Group Work and accounts of Summer Camp life, were highlights of the Buffet Luncheon, and the Sister Superior of Ste. Therese Hospital conducted a tour of the Hospital, and explained the many vocations offered Teen-age Girls in this line of work. The *Prince Albert* C.G.I.T., with Leader, Mrs. R. H. Johnston, conducted games and Sing Song. Miss Margaret Boyd, *Regina,* discussed the C.G.I.T. Anniversary, and the girls started their money Project by donating the proceeds of the Rally to the *Indonesia* Fund. Mrs. Sharkey introduced the Mission Study, "The Reachers", and the Rally closed with "Taps", and Prayer by Miss Boyd.

"Focus on *India*" was the Theme of the Second Mission Festival, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert*. Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from her mission work in *India*, was Guest Speaker, and her message was broadcast from the Morning Service. At the Evening Service, dressed in her blue sari, Miss Hislop showed coloured slides, and told of the W.M.S. work carried on in *India*. Miss Hislop's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hislop, of *Meath Park,* were interested visitors at the Mission Festival, which was organized by the Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Johnston. Lunch was served in the Church Hall, where the many visitors were greeted by Mrs. R. Latowski, dressed in a pink sari. Posters, and a display of Indian articles, created much interest, and after lunch the film "Village of the Poor" was shown.

The *Sylvania* Affiliated Society held its Thank-offering Meeting, with President Mrs. D. Ratcliffe, presiding, and the Devotional Period given by Mrs. Low, Mrs. Blackford, Mrs. Head, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Miller. Presbytery Deaconess, Miss Hilda Blackwell showed the film "Never a Saint", and led the Discussion which followed. Mrs. J. Jackson and daughter Carol, sang a duet, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Head. Mrs. A. Low, one of the Group formed in 1941, was presented with a Life Membership Certificate, by Mrs. Whitson, the only other living member of the original Society. Girls of the Church School assisted in serving Luncheon, and a Social Hour followed.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* the W.M.S. Auxiliary and other organizations of the Church, have lost a valued friend and worker in the death of Mrs. Anne Isabelle Mahoney, in her 91st year. She was a Life Member of the W.M.S. On her recent 90th Birthday, Mrs. Mahoney was honoured especially, by members of the James Nesbit W.M.S. Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of her Church, when a corsage and presentation were given to her. On this occasion Mrs. Mahoney, an accomplished weaver, showed many of the prize-winning articles she had made during the last few years. She was a pioneer of the *Melfort* and *Prince Albert* area, and contributed greatly through the years to her neighbourhood, her Church, and her many friends. To her two daughters and her grand-children sympathy is warmly extended.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — A number of Executive members from *Saskatchewan* Synodical and *Regina* Presbyterial motored to *Stoughton* for the Fall Thank-offering meeting of their W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stoughton.* Presbyterial Vice-President, Miss Jean C. Williamson, gave an illustrated address on the W.M.S. work in *India* and *Formosa.* In the absence of Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. Givens Smith, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, President of *Saskatchewan* Synodical, presented to the Auxiliary an In Memoriam Certificate, in memory of Mrs. Marion Sangster, who had been a President of this Auxiliary, and also a member of the Presbyterial Executive. This was accepted by Miss Mary Anne Sangster, teen-age daughter of Mrs. Sangster, after which Mrs. L. Wood, Synodical Recording Secretary, led in a prayer of Dedication. Members of the Auxiliary served refreshments, and an hour of social fellowship was enjoyed.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, *Moosomin,* held their Thank-offering meeting in the Church Parlour, when President Mrs. Williscroft, presided, and Miss J. Williamson, of *Regina,* was Guest Speaker. The

President expressed the thanks of members, and visitors from W.M.S. Auxiliaries of other Churches who were present, for Miss Williamson's splendid Address and interesting slides.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Georgina Bone was Guest Speaker at the Mother-and-Daughter Banquet of the C.G.I.T. Group of the Presbyterian Church, *Rosetown.* She gave an interesting talk, illustrated by many slides, on her visit to the *Holy Land* last Christmas, and also gave glimpses of interesting places in Scotland. The Theme and decorations for the Banquet were in keeping with this C.G.I.T. Anniversary Year. Miss Helen Whitson, Secretary for Girls Work for this Presbyterial, brought greetings; Judy Quinney led the Worship Service; and C.G.I.T. President, Lela Clarke, presided.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Parkview Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, has lost a valued member and beloved friend in the death of Mrs. Bertha Tregaskis who served loyally during the years in all phases of the W.M.S. work of her Church and her Auxiliary. For some time she was Glad Tidings Secretary of Saskatoon Presbyterial, where she did an excellent job in furthering interest in the W.M.S. magazine and increasing its readership. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family and co-workers in her Church and Auxiliary.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — Commemorating "Fifty Years" since the inauguration of the C.G.I.T. Movement, the C.G.I.T. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* held a week of special activities, beginning with Church attendance on Sunday, in uniform. On Tuesday, an Initiation Service was held, at which the girls entertained their Mothers and members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, addressed the Group, and pointed out many incidents in which Presbyterian Leaders had contributed greatly to the C.G.I.T. Movement.

The climax was a Tea held in the Church Hall of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* on Saturday at which Mrs. Don Wright first C.G.I.T. Leader at this Church, cut the Anniversary Cake, and several former Leaders and early members of the C.G.I.T. groups were in attendance — among these was Miss Jane Hogarth, of *Fort William,* who was the first Camp Nurse at the first Presbyterian camp at Sunrise Beach, in 1930. Attractive and informative displays were shown. Conveners for the "Tea" were Mrs. A. W. Cuthbertson, Superintendent, and Leaders, Misses Margaret McLellan, and Marlyn Spidell.

At a recent meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* Mrs. Harcourt Johnston, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* was a Special Guest. She showed coloured slides, and gave an interesting running commentary on *Prince Edward Island,* where she and Mr. Johnston had spent the summer months doing field work for the Board of Missions. Mrs. M. Fidler presided, and Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. A. Bott, and Mrs. S. A. Sherlock. A Social Hour followed, with Mrs. S. Woods and Mrs. Bott in charge of refreshments.

All members of *Manitoba* Synodical Executive were present at the Supper Meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Harcourt Johnston, Fort William. President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, led the Opening Devotional. Plans were discussed, and tentative dates set for the Annual Synodical Meetings to be held in *Superior* this year. Mrs. H. J. Loney closed the meeting with Prayer.

At the December Meeting of the W.M.S. Senior Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* tribute was paid to Mrs. E. S. Sherlock, a member of long standing, who was celebrating her eighty-fifth birthday. On behalf of the members, Mrs. R. T. Strawson presented a gift to Mrs. Sherlock, for which Mrs. Sherlock, still a very active member of her Auxiliary, expressed her appreciation. Until recently, Mrs. Sherlock was Historian, an office she held for many years, and she has held many offices, both on Presbyterial and Synodical. She is a Past President of the W.M.S. Senior Auxiliary of her own Church. The Birthday Tea Table was candlelit, and centred by a beautifully decorated Birthday Cake, the creation of Mrs. Peter Strawson.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — When the Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, *Selkirk,* members of the Presbyterial visited the Selkirk W.M.S. Auxiliary. Devotions were given by Mrs. D. W. McRae, Supply Secretary, and encouraging reports were presented by all Secretaries present. Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, Presbyterial President, spoke on the Anniversaries Celebrations held in Montreal last May, and the Offering was dedicated by Miss Minnie Nash, Recording Secretary. Presbyterial Past President, Mrs. Cormack Smith, presided, and Mrs. W. S. Smith, also a Past President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, closed the meeting with a Worship Service. An hour of fellowship was then enjoyed over the teacups.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization of the W.M.S., *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the Joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Hanna Reith, and the Knox Evening, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tara,* when she told of the World Presbyterian Alliance Meetings in *Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany,* which she attended as an official Presbyterian Delegate. Miss Reith was especially warmly welcomed, as she had spent her early years in *Tara,* where her Father, the Rev. Dr. Peter Reith, was minister of Knox Presbyterian Church for 16 years. President, Mrs. H. Fiddes, conducted the Service of Worship, assisted by members of both W.M.S. Auxiliaries. A Social Hour followed the meeting.

Miss Isabel McConnell, for many years a W.M.S. missionary in *India* was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of *Riverside* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Mrs. G. Van Dyke was Soloist, accompanied by Miss Caroline Bland. The Devotional Period was conducted by two C.G.I.T. Graduates —Miss Mary Smith and Miss Nancy Watret.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Leamington,* represented by Mrs. James Reid, paid tribute to Mrs. Burns Foster, who was Treasurer of this Auxiliary for 32 years. Mrs. Foster was made Honorary Treasurer.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. W. J. Baker, one of their oldest members. The presentation was made to Mrs. Baker, on behalf of the Auxiliary, by Miss Isabelle Matheson, in recognition of her 20 years of continuous service. Miss Marnie Rumsey, on furlough from the *Egypt* General Mission, was Guest Speaker.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive of this Presbyterial held an "Information Day Workshop Meeting" at Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dutton,* which was chaired by Mrs. J. E. C. Shepherd, Secretary for Afternoon Groups, *London* Presbyterial. The Rev. A. Clements conducted the Worship Service, and welcomed the Group. Miss Hazel Macdonald, *London,* gave a talk on "How to Prepare a Bible Study"; Miss Clare Hanes introduced the Study Book for 1965; a film-strip, "A Place For Me", was shown, concerning life in the Inner City. Mrs. G. A. Gordier, Literature Secretary, and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Secretary for Children's Groups, had a splendid Display of Books, and Mrs. J. K. Darch, Presbyterial Recording Secretary, put on a Skit. Mrs. Donald MacInnes, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, led the Question and Answer Period.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—At a Sunday Evening Service in *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, the W.M.S.

Auxiliary of this Church observed their 70th Anniversary, with President, Mrs. J. I. Adams presiding. The Devotional Period was conducted by the Minister, the Rev. P. G. MacInnes, and Miss May Miller gave the Auxiliary History. Mrs. E. W. Spencer, of *Fort Erie,* the Guest Speaker, gave the highlights of the Anniversaries Celebrations, and Miss Evelyn Bacon, accompanied by Miss Florence Baxter, sang the beautiful Solo, "An Anniversary Prayer", written by Miss Louise Reith for the closing 100th Anniversary Worship Service. Mrs. A. B. Dobie and Mrs. Walter Johnston, members of the Anna Gray W.M.S. Auxiliary, participated in the Programme.

Mrs. W. J. Walker, wife of the late Rev. Dr. W. J. Walker of *Stamford* Presbyterian Church was honoured with a parting gift of money by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Church. This, in compliance with Mrs. Walker's wishes, was sent to aid the Tibetan Orphans in *Jhansi, India.* Miss Pauline Brown Reg.N., Guest Speaker at the Thank-offering Service in this Church, told of her work in the Mobile Clinics in the *Bhil* and *Jhansi Fields, India.*

At the Annual W.M.S. Conference held in *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, the Theme was "Disciples Here and Now". Five Work Shops were held, the Leaders being the Rev. P. G. MacInnes; the Rev. I. C. Mulholland; Miss Clare Hanes; the Rev. M. E. Tubb; Mrs. P. G. MacInnes; and Mrs. Tubb. Mrs. R. Sutherland, *Woodstock,* conducted the Anniversary Skit given by *Paris* Presbyterial, in which five C.G.I.T. girls took part, as if on a TV Programme. Miss Rhona Sutherland was Guest Soloist.

The Minister, the Rev. Thomas Mulholland, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Pelham Road,* told of his seventeen years as a Missionary in *China,* at the Thank-offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The 85th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Ingersoll,* was attended by visitors from *Victoria* and *North Oxford* Auxiliaries. President, Mrs. A. Yule, presided, and Mrs. D. Bellamy was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. M. Walpen. The Rev. W. A. Henderson, *Woodstock,* Guest Speaker, spoke on "Thankfulness", and Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. R. D. MacDonald, of *Tillsonburg,* presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. W. J. Arnott. A gift was presented to the Rev. Mr. Henderson by Mrs. G. Tinge. The Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. R. Kerr.

Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., spoke of her work in Vellore Christian Medical College, *India,* at the Thank-offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Alexandra Presbyterian Church, *Brantford.* Mrs. Robert Templeman presented a Life Membership, on behalf of the Auxiliary, to Mrs. Wm. Skelly. Miss Clara Barrett was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. S. S. Niblock.

At the Thank-offering Meeting of the afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* Mrs. G. Deane Johnston, Guest Speaker, showed coloured slides, and told of the meetings of the Presbyterian World Alliance of Reformed Churches, which was held in *Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany,* last summer. The Soloist was Mrs. Edward Innes, accompanied by Mrs. George Corman. Others assisting in the Programme were Mrs. Walter Joyce; Mrs. E. C. Wilson; Miss M. Jamieson; Miss E. McCall; Mrs. R. Hamilton.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — All Organizations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Strathroy* joined together to send an "In Remembrance" Gift Card (value $50.00) to Mrs. S. M. Scott, of *Kincardine,* after the death of her husband, the late Dr. S. M. Scott. This substantial gift was sent in lieu of flowers, and went to the W.M.S. General Fund, *Toronto.*

The 75th Birthday of the Pioneer Women's W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wyoming* was celebrated in November. This was an outgrowth of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society which was first begun in the former *South Plympton* Presbyterian Church, and this Group, at the time of Union, came into St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wyoming.* Greetings were extended by the Rev. Ernest Herron; Mrs. Allan Neal; and Mrs. R. S. Burnham. Miss Jean Smith, a student at Ewart College, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. P. J. McEwen cut the Anniversary Cake.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. E. McClung, presided at the Presbyterial Executive Meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Barrie,* when members from *Midland* conducted the Devotions, using the Theme, "Lest We Forget". Reports were given of the Sectional Meetings, at which Mrs. J. C. McFarlane, Past President of *West Toronto* Presbyterial, spoke on "Church Life, Stewardship, Talents and Problems". Mrs. McClung reported the Semi-Annual Synodical Executive Meeting. The Annual meeting of this Presbyterial took place in Essa Road Presbyterial Church, *Barrie,* in January, when the Rev. H. R. Galletly, of *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker.

At the Centennial Meeting of the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Bracebridge,* President, Mrs. W. C. Robertson presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Billingsley and Mrs. H. Whyte. Two minutes of Silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Jessie Eaton, and the Junior Choir sang. Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from *British Guiana* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. W. Houser, of *Huntsville,* reported the Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal,* and gave a brief history of the W.M.S.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Jubilee Presbyterian Church, *Stayner,* held their 75th. Anniversary Meeting, Mrs. J. M. Ritchie presided, and welcomed former members and friends. Greetings from Kirk Session were conveyed by the Rev. J. M. Ritchie, and Mrs. A. C. McAuley, of *Elmvale,* brought greetings from *Barrie* Presbyterial. The Auxiliary History was reviewed by Mrs. A. Brown; Mrs. E. Cole and Mrs. K. Kerr, presented "The Legacy of the Past, and the Challenge of the Future." Guest speaker Mrs. Robert McKee, gave an Address on "Be Ye Doers of the World and Not Hearers Only." A Life Membership was presented, by Mrs. L. Doner, to Mrs. A. Robinson, a valued worker over many years. The Anniversary Cake, a gift from Mrs. Cole in loving memory of Mrs. Annie Ross, was cut by Mrs. Johnston and her twin sister, Mrs. D. McEachern.

EAST TORONTO — PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Bernard Richell, presided at the 75th. Anniversary of the Scott W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when the Rev. Bruce J. Molloy, minister of the Church, gave the Anniversary Address. Greetings were extended by Clerk of Session, Mr. D. H. Nicholl; Mrs. A. S. Curr, W.M.S. President; Mrs. Fred Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; and Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial. Mrs. Doreen Alexander Mallory, Contralto Soloist of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, was Guest Soloist.

Mrs. Harley Johnston read the Auxiliary History; Mrs. J. C. Davis, Immediate Past President, led the Devotional Period; and an Honorary Membership was presented to Miss Jessie L. Kay, by Miss Jessie M. Pollock, on behalf of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Ida Connor received a Life Membership Certificate, presented by the McBean Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary. At the Reception following the Service, Mrs. D. L. Thomson cut the Birthday Cake, and among the honoured guests were former missionaries from St. John's — Miss Florence E. Clearihue and Mrs. Welford Russell. Messages were read from Miss Margaret Gay and Miss Ethel Glendinning. Traditionally a Missionary Church, both the Scott W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the well-known Scott Mission, *Toronto,* were named in memory of the late Rev. Dr. J. McP. Scott, first Pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, who ministered there for 33 years.

East Toronto Presbyterial Executive held an Evening Meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* with President, Mrs. W. J. Head, presiding, and Mrs. H. Hogg, Treasurer of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, speaking on "Finances". The film strip, "Never a Saint", was shown, depicting the problems of youth.

At the Christmas Service in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cannington,* a Service of Dedication was held to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of W.M.S. Work in *Canada.* At this Service a beautiful Pulpit Fall in Presbyterian blue velvet, with the golden letters I. H. S. superimposed, the gift of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, was received and dedicated by the Rev. Kenneth Rooney, Minister of the Church, in the presence of the congregation, and unveiled by Mrs. Clark Fennell, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. John McDonald and Mrs. Stewart Brandon, were chief promoters of this project. Miss Margaret Ross, great-grand-daughter of a founder of Knox Church, was Soloist, and Mr. Jack Gordon, A.R.C.T. contributed special music.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central Presbyterial Church, *Galt* celebrated a 75th Anniversary with a Dessert Luncheon, following which the Rev. Dr. David Gowdy addressed the many members and friends. Mrs. J. Shepherd brought greetings from Guelph Presbyterial, and greetings were presented by Mrs. S. Halls, Mrs. J. O'Halloran, and Mrs. A. Woods from the other W. M. S. Auxiliaries of the Church. Mrs. F. C. Burgess gave the Auxiliary History, and Mrs. A. Elmes was Soloist. Miss Mabel Carter gave a Summary of the publication "Putting Woman in Her Place in the Presbyterian Church". An interesting Display of "The Missionary Monthly" (the predecessor of "The Glad Tidings") dating back to 1891, was shown. Mrs. F. C. Burgess, in memory of her Mother, who had been Auxiliary President many years ago, presented corsages to Past Presidents, Mrs. R. M. Hastings and Mrs. George Woods, and also to the present President, Mrs. R. Leith.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Trenton,* held a Christmas Dinner Party for the W.M.S. Family of the Church — the C.G.I.T., the Explorers, and their Mothers. The Programme was presented by Mrs. Harold Keefer, showing Christmas Celebrations all over the world, and including a Presentation of the Explorers and the C.G.I.T. Initiation Ceremonies.

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary followed the Party, when the Rev. D. A. Wilson conducted the Installation of 1965 officers. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation, by Mrs. J. Button, of a Life Membership Certificate to Miss Isabel Galbraith in appreciation of her loyal service to the W.M.S., and to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in *Trenton,* which she has attended since childhood. The Life Membership Pin was the gift of Mrs. Helen Galbraith.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Boston* Presbyterian Church, Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., President of West Toronto Presbyterial, brought Presbyterial greetings, and Rural Secretaries, Mrs. J. H. Wylie and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, were also present. Mrs. E. McGibbon presided at the Luncheon preceding the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Ross K. Cameron, Minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and a former Moderator of General Assembly, was the Guest Speaker, and was introduced by Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, the oldest member of *Boston* congregation. The Auxiliary History was prepared by Mrs. Isabel Stark and Mrs. H. Michie. Mrs. Stark, one of the older W.M.S. members, cut the Anniversary Cake.

At the Evening Meeting when the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups of Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* met together, the Rev. Dr. Ross Cameron, of *Toronto* spoke on "The Why of Christian Missions", and stressed that "Christianity is a minority group in the world, and it is absolutely necessary for each Christian to make a personal witness". Mrs. J. C. McFarlane and Mrs. R. Smith answered questions, and Mrs. Milne read "Highlights from the Semi-Annual Synodical Meeting".

The Rev. James Lawson, M.A., Assistant Minister of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and formerly Assistant Minister of St. Colombo's Church in *London, England,* conducted the Installation Service for the 1965 Executive of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, at their first Meeting of the New Year. Mrs. R. P. McLeon was installed as the new President succeeding Mrs. O. J. Davies, Retiring President, who has completed three years in the Chair.

President, Mrs. Davies, opened the meeting by reading, from The Glad Tidings, the New Year's Message of Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. W. R. Henderson; Mrs. T. P. Geggie; and Mrs. H. S. Evans. A highlight of the Meeting was the presentation, by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, on behalf of the Auxiliary, of an Honorary Membership to Mrs. O. J. Davies, Retiring President, in sincere appreciation of her loyal and devoted leadership as President of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary for the past three years. Mrs. Davies is now Vice-President of West Toronto Presbyterial. The new President, Mrs. R. P. McLean, an Auxiliary member of long standing, was welcomed to the Chair by the Retiring President, and presided for the Business Session and the Address of the Rev. Mr. Lawson, which followed. Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. J. O. Forrester, of *Westport,* presided at the meeting of Presbyterial Executive, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Cardinal.* Conducting the Worship Service, Mrs. Forrester based her address on Romans 8 — verses 1 to 11. It was voted that funds should be given to the Rev. Hector MacMillan Memorial Fund, as Mr. MacMillan was well known in the Presbytery of Montreal and Ottawa, and had spoken in many Churches there, while on furlough from the Congo. Noon hour Luncheon was served by the ladies of the hostess Church, and after the Devotional Service which opened the afternoon Session, the Secretarial Reports were read and thoughtfully discussed.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. P. Tewari, a native of *India,* who now lives in *Cornwall,* was the Guest Speaker at a joint Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall.* Approximately 300 interested listeners filled the Church Hall — members and guests from Trinity, First Baptist, Knox and St. Paul's United Churches, and from many neighbouring congregations of *Glengarry* Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. W. L. MacLennan was Chairman, and Mrs. Tewari was introduced by Mrs. W. L. MacLennan. Mrs. Tewari spoke on the culture and customs of the caste system in India, and gave a fund of interesting and important information. Mr. G. N. Lessard led the congregational singing, with Miss M. Dingham at the piano, and Mr. Everett Rush was Soloist. The Junior Choir contributed two numbers. The speaker was thanked, on behalf of the meeting, by Mrs. G. S. Lloyd.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Twenty-five members and friends attended a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of MacVicar Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Outremont, Quebec,* when Mrs. John Bell was Guest Speaker, and gave a most interesting Address on "Consider the Lilies, How They Grow", using our own lives as illustrations. A delightful highlight of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. J. Channon, one of the members who had just celebrated her 91st Birthday that week. During the Tea Hour, a handsome Birthday cake, with candles, was presented to her, with the congratulations and good wishes of all present.

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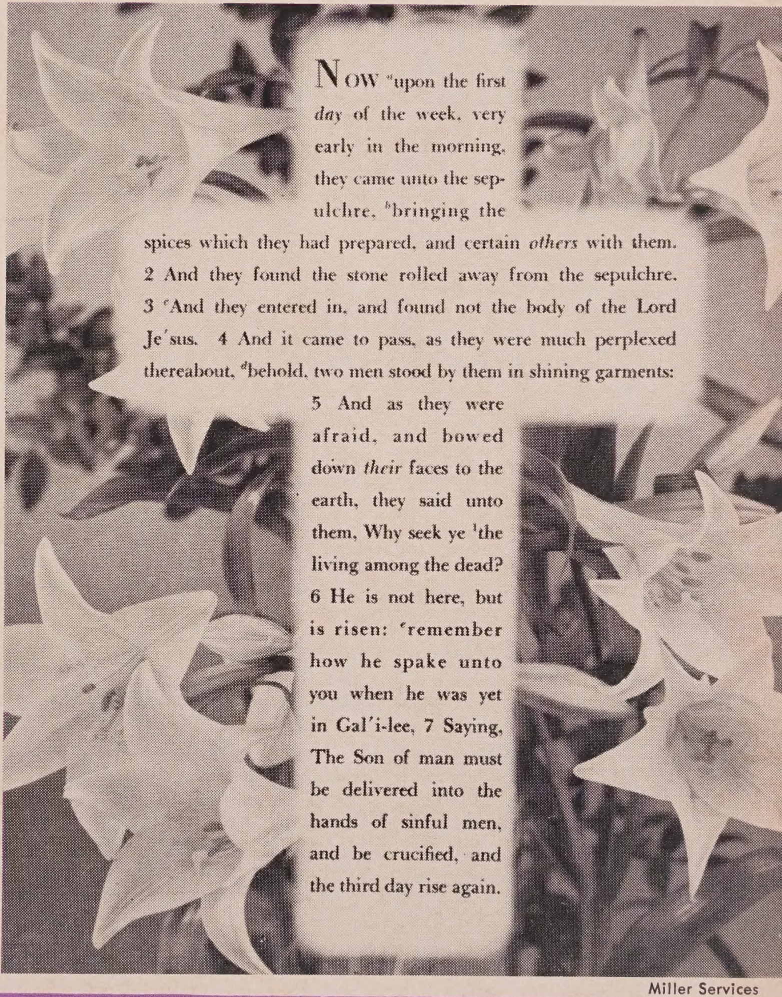

NOW [a]upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, [b]bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3 [c]And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Je´sus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, [d]behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye [1]the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: [e]remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Gal´i-lee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

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"Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day!
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Raise your joys and triumphs high:
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!"
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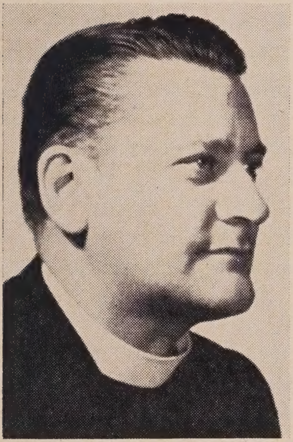
THE RAPTURE OF THE RESURRECTION



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by

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HALFORD E. LUCCOCK tells the story of his little daughter, who went for the first time into the country to spend a while with her grandmother. Early one beautiful morning she looked out of her bedroom window and was thrilled to catch the vision of her first real sunrise. "O Grandma," she cried, "Wake up; the world is beginning!"

To this sensitive little girl, the miracle of the sunrise was such an amazingly remarkable phenomenon that she was temporarily held enthralled; but when she managed sufficiently to recover her composure she quickly and spontaneously gave utterance to her innermost feelings of excitement and joy. To her, the rising of the sun was much more than the beginning of a new day, — it was rather like the fresh new dawning of the world.

Whenever we seriously contemplate the significance of the reality of the Resurrection, do we not tend to be caught up in a rapture equally as engrossing as that of the little girl's? Are we not so thrillingly motivated inwardly as to be inclined to emit the same sort of exhilarating response? Our reaction can hardly be otherwise.

Objectively and subjectively, in matters of faith and life, the rapture of the Resurrection has lost none of its ancient power. It continues to hold us by its magnetism, amaze us by its mysticism, and move us by its dynamism. It persists in arousing our sensitivity, evoking our awe, eliciting our praise, and inspiring our obedience. Though humanly experienced, it ultimately transcends all human powers of appraisal, since it is engendered by Deity and divinely sustained. Simply to know the power of the Resurrection is enough to guarantee the profundity of its rapture. Thus it has been, from the very inception of the Christian community in the world.

How else can we explain the Church's triumphal march through the long course of the years? Is it not the testimony of God's Israel, that her life cannot be accounted for, except in terms of this indestructible, unconquerable power, — a diffusive force which is indeed as keenly felt today as it was at the beginning? If we can say that it was the reality of the risen Christ, which turned the darkness of midnight into the brightness of noonday for two erstwhile grief-stricken disciples at Emmaus, we can also say that this same reality can give us "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness," in the midst of the hypertensions and sorrows of our contemporary life situations. Only the living Christ has the adequate potential "to build the old wastes and to raise up the former desolations." He alone has the necessary, incipient, creative, dynamic energy to mould us as "ploughmen and vinedressers," and in a redemptive, positive way, to equip us as servants of the most high God.

It is He who calls us forth, fits us out, and sends us on our journey, as dedicated purposeful agents to undertake the divinely-appointed ministerial task of reconciliation between man and God, man and man. To attempt to interpret the vitality, the work, the growth, the raison d'être of the Christian community in the world, apart from the presence and power of the risen Christ would be sheer unadulterated presumption, in that it would be manifestly belying the historically valid existential witness of the Christian Church, through all the years. The undeniable claim of the operative faith-testimony of the component parts of the Body of Christ has always been to reinforce the certain knowledge of the gracious indwelling of the

Resurrection power. We live and move and have our being, in the strength of the risen, exalted, and living Lord. To Him we are joined together in an indissoluble union of light and life and love. Through Him we are "made more than conquerors." By Him we are enabled to attempt and achieve what would otherwise be utterly impossible. Because He lives, we live also.

That is the decisive and continuing, verifiable, conclusion of the Spirit-filled Community of God's people in the world. If, by the cynicism and unbelief of many detractors, these findings are carelessly dismissed, that dismissal, I am afraid, will have to be patiently tolerated. In any event, we dare not be untrue, nor can we conscientiously disregard what we, through the exercise of religious faith, have perceived to be the result of the operation of God's redemptive acts of grace, fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord, namely, — the reality of the life-giving power of the Resurrection in our lives.

Several factors contribute to the rapture of the Resurrection:—

First, let us observe the Resurrection's Anchorage in History

I see no valid reason why we should reject, as many have done, the recorded experiences of those privileged souls to whom our Lord first appeared in risen form. Their witness has been preserved in the canon of Scripture for the edification of the Church and the world; and, as such, is taken as constituting the historical basis of our believing. There are many who, while they are willing to accept at face value the testimony of history to secular events, are extremely reluctant to admit the validity of those declared acts of salvation, which the Church has ascribed as relating to, and springing from, the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth. Their objections are raised with exceptional vehemence when the matter of the Resurrection is broached.

Here I should like to say that none of us should be so naive as to patently disparage the value of those findings of scholarship, which have been of inestimable consequence in clarifying certain dialectical enquiries relating to the temporal bases of our faith. It would be folly to deny the importance or oral tradition, the contribution of textual criticism, or even the role of mythology, as decisive factors in determining the authentic message of the evangel to the world; but, at the same time, we must be scrupulously careful not to throw away the wheat with the chaff, in pursuing our intensive academic winnowing processes.

In the final analysis, however, all our critical exercises can hardly suffice to rationalize away, or nullify, the incontrovertible evidence which is reflected in the unfolding drama of the faith-experience of the Church, namely that God has spoken and acted through this Jesus of history, who lived among men, imparted His gospel of redemption, and confirmed it by dying and rising again; and that, after having been exalted on high, chose to preside over His people as Lord, and prevail with them inwardly as their never-failing Friend.

As for the historical possibility of the Resurrection, there is one formidable fact outstanding. It is this: — not only do the four evangelists record the first strange Easter happenings, each dovetailing the other with certain variations in detail, but the whole New Testament can be said to be the product of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. None of it can be read without some relevance to this astonishing fact. Its writers were witnessing to what they knew to be true. Each was constrained by the force of unique, and strangely compelling, circumstances to faithfully record their testimony. Their personal sense of integrity dictated the unacceptability of any other alternative, however strong its tangential appeal might have been at the time of writing.

None of the evangelists were provoked to invent fictional fabrications. The unembellished simplicity, the innocent matter-of-factness, and the intense humanness of the Resurrection narratives, underline and reinforce the honest efforts of their authors to relate the marvellous story as they knew it to be: either, directly by first-hand experience, or indirectly, through the decisive lines of communication which went back to the historical figure of Jesus, whose words and works were reflected in those same lines of communication.

Second, let us note the Resurrection's Fulfillment in History.

Helmut Gollwitzer writes in "The Dying and Living Lord," "What does the Lord do after He comes back to His disciples from the land of death? What is it that He regards as the most important thing to do? He gives them a Bible lesson!"

That is precisely what He does. He informs them "that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning Himself: He opens their understanding that they might understand the scriptures." Again, to the two lonely friends who wandered down that darksome road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, "He expounds, in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself, beginnning at Moses and all the prophets."

Perhaps there is no other time of the year when the reassuring message of Holy Writ comes home to us with as much pungency as now. The Lenten season, with its emphasis upon the passion and dying of our Lord, is vindicated and crowned in the crescendo of the glorious Easter hallelujah chorus: "He is risen! He is risen, indeed! He is alive for ever more!"

If, in this Book of books, we can see afresh the thrilling vision of the risen Christ, and are captivated by the spell of its splendour, we shall hope that that beholding will be a means of grace. Better still — if, by the grace of God, the Resurrection's fulfillment in the treasure-house of scripture is matched by a corresponding fulfillment in the spiritual sancta of our bodily temples, and if that experience is sufficiently inspirational to reflect a greater devotion to God and a richer service to man, we shall not have passed this way in vain, this Easter time.

This brings me to a consideration of the final factor:—

Let us mention the Resurrection's Motivation to Mission

You will be careful to note that when the risen Christ appeared to the eleven disciples He did not advise them to apologize for the Resurrection. He simply instructed them to be "witnesses to these things" among the nations.

God forbid that we should conceive of the purpose of our placement in this world to mean the preservation of our individual identity at all costs. Let it rather be interpreted in terms of service and mission to others.

When Jesus commanded His followers, "Go ye, and teach all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," He was instructing them to give themselves sacrificially to the enterprise of transforming the world, by making it conformable to His image, and by bringing all things into harmony with His redemptive purposes. Their commissioning was reinforced by the promise of the gracious benefits of His risen power, which He was to subsequently bring into being in the benediction of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We would find it utterly impossible, then, to achieve this transformation by ourselves alone. It can only be attained through our unselfish dedication to the manifest will of God, revealed in His Word, and as we are moved to respond to that will, via the powerful energizing of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The free vouchsafing of God's grace in Jesus Christ merits our faithful and ready obedience. The working principle involved here may not be always and everywhere obvious; but it is this:— "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake and the gospel's shall find it."

Once and for all time, the gate-way to the more abundant life has been opened by the loving and losing, the sacrificing and dying, of our blessed Lord. But if we are to inherit that life, it will be incumbent upon us to be willing to expend ourselves sacrificially, in the spirit of the Master. The cross must ever be the symbol of the measure of our personal commitment. We cannot wait to count the cost if we are to ultimately wear the crown. "The way of the cross leads home!"

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation: — 'If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him,' " and if we be willing to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, we shall be rapturously held in the power of His Resurrection, both here and now and in the hereafter. The divinely-appointed way of service to God and man is thus delineated by the very genius of our Christianity. We may rest content that, as we walk in this way, we shall be rendering a reasonable offering of worship and praise:— a dedication of life and purpose, instinct with the character of eternity.

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WE THANK THEE, LORD!

We thank Thee, Lord — and not alone
For gold of gladness, full success,
For wealth that we have called our own
The faith, the love, the happiness—
But for the sorrow and the smart,
The failure and the striving vain;
The song we carolled in our heart
When our poor lips were dumb with pain.

Not for accomplishment, complete,
Not for the care-free, guarded way,
Not for the paths of peace our feet
Have found, we thank Thee, Lord today,
But for the highway's dust and din,
For perilous places safely passed;
For every brier of doubt and sin
Which clutched, but dare not hold us fast.

(Selected)

PRAYER

By (Mrs. Stephen T.) AGNES ROBINSON

Matron, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School

Kenora, Ontario.

O God, Father of all mankind, we lift our hearts to Thee in humble thanks for Thy many blessings to us. For Thy holy Word which is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path; for strength of mind and body; for friends and loved ones; but most of all we praise Thee for Thy most precious gift, our Lord and Saviour, who by His death and resurrection has made a way of approach whereby all who believe may experience with Him everlasting life.

At this most glorious Easter season, we are mindful of the times when we have grieved Thee, and wandered like lost sheep from Thy fold. Help us, O Lord, as we meditate on the finished work of Calvary, like Him, to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Thee, which is our reasonable service.

For all women of the Church, Our Father, grant that we may have unity of purpose; that we may be faithful to our obligations, both at home and abroad, that Thy name may be glorified throughout all the world.

For all those who labour with little children, O Lord, grant to them understanding, patience, and love, that these little ones may early come to know Thee, as the Friend of little children. For our youth, we pray that they in their formative years may find Thee as their Saviour and Lord.

Heavenly Father, visit Thy Church, so that she may shine forth in the dark places of the world through the radiance of Thy Risen Son. So fill us with Thy Holy Spirit that He may inspire us to nobler endeavour, that Thy name may be spread abroad and Thy Kingdom extended. Hasten the day when all men shall hear of Thy love, and Thy chosen ones claim Thee as their Everlasting Portion. In His precious Name. Amen.

"I SEND YOU — TOGETHER"

by

MISS MARGARET RAMSAY
British Guiana

Executive of

Demerara Presbyterial

A LITTLE OVER SEVEN YEARS AGO, several women in British Guiana were dreaming a dream — perhaps even seeing visions — of something which they thought would strengthen the Church. This dream, after the peculiarity of dreams, sometimes faded, sometimes leaped into great activity, sometimes changed its form entirely, and finally the dream faded away completely, but the reality of a Colony-Wide Conference for the women of what was then called the Canadian Presbyterian Church, came to be.

The contacts between the women members of the Church had been very faint, and in some instances, none at all. For some time the women in Berbice and Demerara counties had been holding meetings, or Conferences, by themselves, so now they would be able to greet and know sister-members from other parts of the Colony.

This First Colony-Wide Conference was held in Georgetown, at Burns Memorial Church, in August of 1958, and those who had dreamed, and planned, were happy to welcome over one hundred women from all parts of the Colony. As this was the first attempt, this meeting was just for fellowship and inspiration, and the Theme chosen was "Our Fellowship — Where?". To women, many of them meeting in small isolated groups, this day of fellowship was a real blessing, but it was, too, a time of reflection, and decision to continue in closer fellowship with Jesus Christ.

The plan to have another Colony-Wide Women's Conference in five years' time — 1963 — was activated by some other people who desired also to continue and further this "Fellowship", and a Committee made up of representatives from the three counties, with the addition of the Deaconesses, met early that year. Unfortunately, circumstances in the country made it impossible to have even the Committee meetings, let alone complete plans for a Conference. In 1964, however, the Committee began meeting again, and definite plans were made — The Second Colony-Wide Conference of Guiana Presbyterian Women was to be held in April 1965!

Perhaps it is significant that out of our "Fellowship in Christ", which was the conclusion of the First Colony-Wide Conference, we should be led to think about, as a Theme for the Second Conference — "Forward in Unity". Certainly, if anything is to be accomplished by the women for the Church in British Guiana, it must be because we are together. In the small groups in the churches, there comes a feeling of being alone, and also the discouragement which this can bring. The planning Committee hopes, at the Second Conference, to bring into reality an Organization of Women's Groups, which likely will be called The Guiana Presbyterian Women's Organization. It is hoped that this will not only emphasize the fact that women do have a place in the Guiana Presbyterian Church, but that they must be certain their place is a worthwhile one. We are all praying that the Conference, which we hope will be held on April 21st, 1965, at the Ephraim Scott Memorial Church, and the St. Columba Lay-Training Centre, Better Hope, will be the impetus that will unite our own women, and also teach us the broader meaning of our responsibility to Jesus Christ, Who said: "May they all be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, so also may they be in us, that the world may believe that thou dids't send me."

We invite the women in Canada to remember in their prayers this Day of Conference, that many women may come together, and that serious and inspired discussion and thinking may enrich all, and send us — "FORWARD IN UNITY".

(In the photograph, the President of the Executive of Demerara Presbyterial is second from the left)

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
EVENING GROUPS

REMEMBER:

The Date—April 30th; May 1st; May 2nd, 1965

The Place—Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto

The Theme—"So Send I You!"

Theme Speaker—Rev. J. W. Voelkel, B.A., B.D., Assistant to the Minister Knox Presbyterian Church

Leader of Worship—Miss Nell Smith, Toronto

Have **you** made your plans to attend?
If not, **do so now**—before it is too late!

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres 1965

Training Centres are being planned for the summer of 1965. Keep these dates in mind, plan to attend one of them and encourage others to do so and watch for further publicity which will come to local groups.

Dates and Places

July 12 - 16—The Baptist Leadership Training School, Calgary, Alberta

July 26 - 30—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsiblities, to grow—

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada, and around the world
- in their ability as leaders

YOU — YOUR GROUP — AND PRESBYTERIAL

by MISS DORIS L. BLAISE,

Young Women's Promotion Secretary, Montreal Presbyterial

THE DICTIONARY defines "MEMBER" as "a part or organ of" and the word "AUXILIARY" as "giving support to" or "subsidiary." Our Constitution says "Presbyterial shall consist of all auxiliaries, affiliated groups, associate groups, and children's groups within its bounds." "Presbyterial Executive shall consist of all elected officers and ex-officio members (i.e., Presidents of auxiliaries, affiliated groups, leaders of girls' and children's groups)."

HOW DO WE — THE MEMBERS — OF THE GROUPS — "GIVE SUPPORT TO" OUR PRESBYTERIAL?

— Just as a corporation is strengthened by its subsidiaries, so is Presbyterial made stronger by its Groups. Such support can be made evident by the President, or Leader, (or her elected substitute) attending Presbyterial Executive meetings. A well-informed President, or Leader, means a well-informed Group. Good personnel relations are established. Departmental Secretaries are no longer just "names." It is easier now to bring our problems to these officers, or invite them to come and talk the matter over at our next meeting.

— Just as a corporation expects its subsidiaries to send in reports on time for the fiscal year-end, so does Presbyterial depend on its Groups. If the Group is late, Presbyterial is late, so Synodical is late, and eventually the whole Society suffers.

— Just as a corporation expects subsidiaries to deal with matters of importance at its meetings, so does Presbyterial hope that every Group will find time on its agenda to discuss that recent letter from one of the Presbyterial officers. Don't just put it on the table, to be read later on by any who are interested. We are *all* interested and it is deserving of discussion, and perhaps immediate decision. It is well to plan to have adequate time for discussion of important business matters, as well as time for study and inspiration.

— We can give support too, to our Presbyterial, by steady contact with our Youth Leaders. Invite them to come with us when we attend the "Annual." Here we are serving Presbyterial in one of the most valuable ways we can.

There are many cases too, where these Leaders — even though they get a notice — do not understand that they are a part of Presbyterial Executive, because they do not belong to an Adult Group. We, as adult members, have a responsibility, if this is so in our churches.

HOW DO WE, THE PRESBYTERIAL, FURTHER THE WORK WITHIN OUR BOUNDS?

— Make sure every President or Leader knows (and if she does not, send her a Constitution) that she is ex-officio on Presbyterial Executive. Of course, she should always receive a notice of meetings. Have a roll-call at your meetings. This is much more effective than passing around a sheet of paper which tells only the Recording Secretary "who is who." Call out the names of your Groups and record the names of those attending. This can be five minutes well spent. These people have come not just to listen, but to PARTICIPATE. Be sure your agenda, full as it may be, has a place for "Group Questions or Problems," otherwise attendance at Presbyterial Executive may not mean much to either the Presbyterial or the Local Group.

— VISIT your groups. Fine as it is to "install officers" or conduct "affiliation" services, these are on invitation. Visiting is especially important for new Groups. We see the Groups organized, we shake hands with the members and assure them of our support, etc., then, when their annual report comes in next year, we are surprised to see a drop in membership. In some Presbyterials, which are not too large, each Group could be visited, if every elected officer of Presbyterial visited one Group during the year. In larger Presbyterials, each officer would need to make more visits. In addition to these visits, regular contact should be kept with Groups by the Departmental Secretaries. The Executive could decide the emphasis, which should be stressed in these visits, and this could vary from Group to Group. It may be that each Group could be asked to send questions to the officer who is to visit their Group.

— Have the Nominating Committee write a letter to the Groups, asking for names of people who might be interested in serving on the Executive for a stated period of time, like a two-year term. This is an excellent way to expedite a sometimes heavy job. Make it clear, however, to those sending names, that it is the Nominating Committee that asks the person whether or not she will let her name stand for an office.

— Plan an extra meeting once a year, where "Group meets Group." Make it informal, make it informative — exchange ideas.

The Group which felt discouraged at the outset feels better when it is made known that another Group has exactly the same problem! This programme should not be all on the serious side. Make time for something humorous, so that newly-organized "Young Women's Groups" go home with the happy thought that W.M.S. members can take time for fun and fellowship.

This "getting together" of Presbyterial Executives and Local Groups is fine for those so situated that travel makes it possible, but there are still many Groups and Presbyterials where distance and weather intervene. It is heartening to hear one Presbyterial President in a rural area say — "Our Groups often cannot be represented at Presbyterial meetings, especially in winter seasons, but we always send them a report, or a letter, and if our secretary is too busy I do it myself."

So then, as we work together — the Group members "giving support to," and the Presbyterial Executive "furthering, the work within its bounds" we are grateful that as we work together we also are "labourers together" with Him who has placed us, each one, in some corner of His vineyard, and we pray that we may have as individuals, as Groups, and as Presbyterials, some small share in "winning the world for Christ."

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EASTER

By Paul Engle

Christ once in that dark time
Brought life and light to men,
Hold of their hope to die
Once, and be born again.
Christ on that burdened Cross
Proved death could not avail,
Proved it by hands that bore
The hand-hewn beaten nail.

Earth like a stone rolls back
Before the cave we seek,
To show the God-in-man
And make our voices speak.
Shape of His Word is made
Out of our living breath;
Shape of our life is made
Out of His living death!

NORTH AMERICAN AREA COUNCIL . . .

THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES

Miss Louise Reith, M.A.

by

MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

FROM JANUARY 12 - 14, 1965, it was my privilege to be a representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the mid-winter meetings of the North American Area Council of The Alliance of Reformed Churches. These meetings were held at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Having been at the meetings of the World Alliance in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, in the summer of 1964, it was a happy experience to renew acquaintance with North American delegates to Frankfurt, and to meet others who had not been in Frankfurt, but were at Niagara Falls.

The North American section of the World Presbyterian Alliance includes thirteen churches in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, from the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean area. It was of particular interest to Canadian Presbyterians that at this meeting the Presbytery of Guiana, already a member of the World Alliance, was received as a member of the North American Area Council, and was represented by the Rev. Joseph Williams, minister of Burn's Church, Georgetown, British Guiana.

Naturally the programme at the Niagara Falls meeting was closely related to the Frankfurt meeting and the prayer-theme "Come, Creator Spirit." The first evening was spent in small groups, each one considering one report from the study sections at Frankfurt, by asking such questions as — "What does the report mean?"; "What is the centre thrust?"; "How do we get these insights into the life of our congregations?"; "What questions should be pursued further?". It is hoped many in local congregations will study the Frankfurt reports seriously. All sessions were presided over by the Chairman, Reverend R. H. N. Davidson of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto.

The North America Area meeting welcomed Dr. Marcel Pradervand, the General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva, who made his annual report, in which he noted that there are now 96 member Churches in the world organization. In addition, he gave a survey of the ecumenical movement in relation to the Reformed Churches. As he pointed out the growing strength and increasing participation of the Asian and African Churches, Dr. Pradervand noted that the Executive Committee of the Alliance will meet in the Far East in June (possibly in Hong Kong, Manila, or Thailand) and that the members of the Executive will join in the Centenary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa, in June.

On the Wednesday evening, a happy event was a dinner in the Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, presided over by Mr. C. M. Pitts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At this dinner the Reverend Waldo Lloyd, the past President of the World Alliance, gave the address — "The Road to Frankfurt" — outlining the preparation leading up to, and the significance of, the Frankfurt meetings.

An interesting report of the third session of Vatican II was given on the Wednesday evening by Dr. John Newton Thomas, of the faculty of Union Seminary in Virginia, who attended as a Presbyterian Observer. Dr. Thomas said the Council offers "solid ground for optimism and realism." He expressed assurance that "an authoritative document on religious liberty" will be passed at the next session. He noted that the fact that more emphasis was being put on the authority of the Bible "places Rome closer to the Protestant position, and encourages common Bible study." Dr. Thomas outlined clearly the aspects of the Council which encouraged, and those which indicated little change in the attitude of Rome. While, from now on, the Roman Church will be collegial and not ruled by a single individual — there is no diminution of the primacy of the Pope. In commenting on the Pope's action in proclaiming Mary "Mother of the Church", Dr. Thomas described this as "a wrong and unfortunate attitude towards Mary" that "ignored statements in the Scriptures, failed to recognize conflicts between Scripture and tradition, and raised barriers rather than lowered them." Dr. Thomas felt that while the document on ecumenism reveals a "definite softening to those outside Rome" it "ignores the ecumenical movement outside the Roman Church. There is no suggestion of moving or lowering the doctrinal barriers that separate us. The Roman Catholic Church conceives of unity among Christians as union with and in herself."

Reports were heard and considered from various Committees and Commissions — the new Church Cultivation Committee having as its objective the drawing of various members of the Reformed family closer together, and "to assume leadership in making the Reformed witness in the ecumenical movement"; the Commission on Civil and Religious Liberty pointed out the need for the church "to take its doctrinal affirmations with fresh seriousness in new fields of action . . . Calvinistic Churches must not understand disengagement of the church from culture as withdrawal from the world . . . To withdraw is to question the sovereignty of God over the total life of man"; the Theological Committee submitted to the member Churches "an Ecumenical Confession of Faith" and "an Antiphon of the Christian Faith — the whole drama of our Christian faith in a bidding prayer" for use in worship.

It was encouraging to note the number of women representing their Churches. There was no separate meeting for women, but at one lunch hour we had lunch together and shared news of the work of women in our home Churches. Mrs. Howard H. Black led in worship at one of the sessions, and reported for the Alliance Department of Women's Work, in the absence of Miss Janie McCutchen, the recently appointed Corresponding Secretary for the North American Area. We regretted that Miss McCutchen was absent because of illness.

The Reverend Marion deVelder, stated clerk of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America, succeeded the Reverend R. H. D. Davidson as Chairman of the North American Area Council for the coming year.

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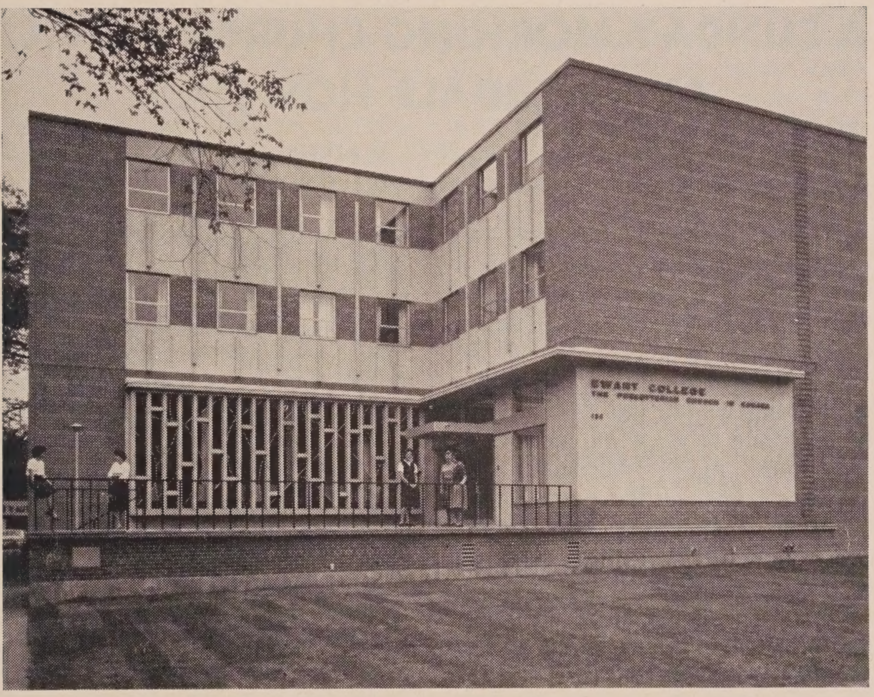
HIS HANDS!

"The hands of Christ
    Seem very frail;
For they were broken
    By a nail;
But only they
    Reach Heaven at last,
Whom these frail broken hands
    Hold fast."   (Selected)

EWART COLLEGE, TORONTO



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday May 10th. 1965, to Friday May 14th. 1965, inclusive. The Theme of the Sessions will be "To Serve the Present Age", and this is found in the second verse of Hymn No. 593. The Scripture quotation at the beginning of the Hymn is from 1st. Corinthians, Chapter 6, verse 20 — "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

A SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE AT RIVERDALE HOSPITAL

by MISS RUBY WALKER
(National Missions Staff, Presbytery of East Toronto, Ont.)

IT IS 9:15 Sunday morning, and the Hospital Visitor has arrived at the Toronto Riverdale Hospital for Chronic and Convalescent patients, to conduct the weekly Service of Worship. She makes her way to the Auditorium where the service is to be held, and in a few minutes she is joined by Mrs. Alexander, the "Lovely Lady" as the patients call her, who comes to assist almost every Sunday. Together they try to transform the Auditorium into a Chapel. The pulpit is put in place, and on the table there is a beautiful bouquet of roses. One of the patients, unable to be present for the service this morning, wished to share her birthday flowers. The Record Player sits on the table at the back of the hall. Only a few chairs are needed, as most of the patients will be in wheel chairs. One chair must be set in a particular spot, for the lady whose eyesight is dim "needs to be under the light to be able to read the hymns."

Now it is 9:30, and ten ladies and gentlemen from one of the city Churches have arrived. Their coming is much appreciated by the Hospital Visitor, and the Nursing Staff, as they will bring the patients from the wards to the Auditorium for the service. Each of these helpers is assigned to a floor, given the names of the Presbyterian patients on the floor, and, with a few words of instruction, they are on their way.

The Hospital Visitor remains in the Auditorium, and soon the patients, assisted by the helpers, begin to arrive. Each one is greeted by name. This is possibly because of regular systematic visitation and, of course, some of the patients have been in hospital for several years or more.

Mrs. R. is the first to arrive and asks for a place at the front so she can hear the "preacher." Others join her. Mrs. D. arrives, looking lovely in her new blue jacket, and is quick to tell her neighbours that it is a gift from her granddaughter, and there is a minute to hear about Dorothy. Mrs. C. is wheeled in, and a chair for one of the helpers is placed beside her. Being crippled with Arthritis, she needs a little extra attention. Mrs. M. has joined us, and as usual she is thrilled with the music from the Record Player. Her imagination takes her back to the days when, as a young woman, she sang in a Church choir. She recognizes some of the old favourite hymns, and her feeble voice joins the recording. The blind lady, who has just come in, is a retired nurse. While the Hospital Visitor greets her, making sure she knows the layout of the room and is comfortable, another group has arrived. Among these are two Ministers, of another denomination. The one is an elderly gentleman whose mind is keen, but he cannot speak. The other is a young man with a confused mind, imagining himself Minister of this congregation.

Mrs. B. is with us this morning, all dressed up in hat and coat. This outing each week is an occasion for her, and going to Church calls for a hat. In the congregation this morning we have a beautiful young woman, sitting in a wheel chair. She is not only beautiful to look at, but she is a beautiful character and an inspiration to all who visit her. Each Sunday, her family come to take her home for the day, but, at her request, not until after the Chapel service. She is just one of the young people worshipping with us today.

By ten o'clock, the patients are in their place, the helpers are sitting among them, that they might assist some with hymn books, and just look after their needs. The Hospital Visitor takes her place at the pulpit. Before her, sit about sixty patients, all but six in wheel chairs. After weeks of visiting in the wards, their needs are well known to her. Some are lonely for family and friends — some are dependent on charity — some with bodies twisted with pain — some with keen minds but weak bodies— age has caught up with some, leaving tired minds, and some come with enquiring minds. The congregation is not made up of only Presbyterians, for other denominations are also worshipping with us; several Roman Catholics, and our two Jewish friends, are with us this morning. Too, there are some with no Church affiliation.

With a prayer in her heart for God's leading and blessing on His children, the Hospital Visitor calls the congregation to worship, with the words, "Surely God is in this place. This is none other than the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven," and a prayer for God's presence, that this half-hour of quiet might refresh and strengthen us.

The hymns have been chosen with the patients in mind. We do want them to participate in the Service, and since some are unable to read, familiar hymns are a must. If the patients are to sing with ease, the music must not be pitched too high. It is with assurance and confidence that the congregation lift their voices in the singing of the old favourite, "The Lord is my Shepherd." The Scripture is read and the soloist sings so beautifully, "The Lord's Prayer."

Today's message is prompted by some conversations with several patients during the week. It is best to address this congregation as if they were in normal circumstances, but remember not longer than ten minutes; just a few thoughts from Christ's invitation to "come apart and rest awhile." Resting places are often provided for us, and one such place is the sick room. Here, we sometimes learn lessons we never would have learned in the midst of a busy life. We take courage when we remember that Christ does not ask us to go alone to such a resting place, but he invites us "to come" with Him. The prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication follows this message, and all within these walls are committed to the Father of Mercies. The closing hymn, "I need Thee every hour" has been requested by two gentlemen. One day last week the Hospital Visitor called in their ward, and found them sitting on the side of the bed, singing hymns from the book they had borrowed on the previous Sunday. The visitor was invited to join in the singing of this hymn and the request was made known at that time.

Another Service of Worship is brought to a close with the Benediction:

"May the grace of Christ our
Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour
Rest upon us from above."

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PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE!

I live alone! Dear Lord, stay by my side;
In all my daily needs, be Thou my Guide.
Grant me good health, for that I pray,
To carry on my work, from day to day.

Keep pure my thoughts, my heart, my every deed;
Let me be unselfish, good, and kind,
When I may know my neighbours need.

Spare me from fire, or hurt — malicious tongues —
From thieves, from fears, and evil ones.
If sickness comes, or accident befall,
Humbly, Lord, I pray—hear Thou my call!

And when I'm feeling lone, or in despair,
Lift up my heart, and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
Because I feel Thy presence, ever near! Amen.

(From "The War Cry,"
London, England).

THE NEW "LIBRAIRIE CHRETIENNE", IN MONTREAL

A VERY GREAT CONTRIBUTION toward a better understanding between English and French-speaking Canadians has been made by the Canadian Bible Society with the opening of La Librairie Chretienne in Montreal, the Society's first French Bible and Religious Book Store, situated in the heart of Montreal's French-speaking commercial district, at 1210 St. Catharine Street East. Although the Canadian Bible Society, in its work over a century and a half in active Scripture distribution in Canada, has made French Bibles available for many years — as well as Bibles in many other languages — this Librairie Chretienne is the first venture in providing service exclusively for French-speaking Canadians, no matter where they live.

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GOLGOTHA

I heard two soldiers talking as they came down the hill—
The sombre hill of Calvary—bleak, and black and still;
And one said: "The night is dark; these thieves take long to die!"
And one said: "I am sore afraid; and yet I know not why!"

I heard two women weeping as down the hill they came,
And one was like a broken rose, and one was like a flame.
And one said, "Men shall rue this deed their hands have done!"
And one cried only, through her tears: "My Son, my Son, my Son!"

(Theodosia Garrison)

Easter Service of Worship

Arranged by MISS LILY SIMPSON

(For many years W.M.S. missionary in India; now, Hospital Visitor (part-time) in Vancouver and New Westminster, B. C.)

Theme—The Empty Tomb—John 20: 1-18
"They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre
and we know not where they have laid him."

Call to Worship—

Rejoice the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and praise
And triumph evermore,
Jesus the Saviour reigns!

Hymn No. 216.

"The strife is o'er, the battle done:
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun — Hallelujah!"

Prayer — O Lord our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for Thy Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we live and have salvation. Who loved us so He was willing to give His life that we might have life everlasting. Open our eyes that we may see and understand just what it meant for our Lord to enter into the gates of death and so break the bonds of death on that first Easter Morning. Give us grace to be all that Thou would'st have us be. That we may give our lives in service to Thee, not counting the cost.

Our Heavenly Father, when we think of how much our salvation cost Thee, we realize how very little we can do. Grant that what we do, may be joyfully done, that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father in Heaven. In Jesus name. Amen.

Responsive Reading. John 20: 1-18.

Leader — "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Group — Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, And to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and sayeth unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Leader — Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

Group — So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

Leader — And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Group — Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

Leader — And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Group — Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed.

Leader — For as yet they knew not the scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

Group — Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Leader — But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

Group — And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Leader — And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Group — And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Leader — Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Group — Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Leader — Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father and to my God, and your God.

Group — Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her."

Hymn No. 213

"Man of sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!"
Hallelujah!

Meditation — As we read the Easter story in St. John's Gospel, and especially that part referring to Mary Magdalene, we are impressed with the despair of Mary as she comes to the sepulchre and finds it empty. Perhaps we, who know the sequel, wonder why she should lament and weep because the body of Christ was gone. Rather should she have wept if Christ's Body had still lain in the tomb. Christ had spoken of His Resurrection, and Mary was one of his ardent followers. But the Resurrection was not in her mind, she could only think of one thing. She was thinking only of the disappearance of the body of her Lord, and therefore of her inability to pay the last rites, which love prompted. After speaking to the angel, she turned and saw the Lord, but did not recognize him. She thought He was the gardener, and she asks Him where he had taken her Lord; — "If thou hast borne him hence, tell me where and I will take him." How amazed she was when the Lord spoke to her, calling her by name! She then called him Master, and Jesus said to her go, and tell my brethren. Mary obeyed the command of her Master and told the disciples she had seen the Lord.

Jesus is calling to you, and to me, to service for Him. To go and be His witness at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. It is a joyous message, we have to proclaim — He is not here, He is risen, a living Saviour!

"Easter and Journeys End

I searched the world for calm content;
The search led high, the search led far;
It led to where a baby lay
Beneath a radiant star.

I searched the world for living truth;
The search was broad, the search was long;
It led to Him beside the sea
Before a listening throng.

I searched the world for perfect love;
The search was deep, the search was wide;
It led me to a wind-swept hill,
To One they crucified.

I searched the world for joyous faith;
Into a garden led the way,
I found it at His empty tomb
On resurrection Day!" (B. C. Bays)

Offering —
Offertory prayer.

Closing Hymn 261.
"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!"

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LISTENING

"Speak Lord; for Thy servant heareth".

The most important messages in prayer are not those which we send up to God but those which He gives to us. Paul said, "We know not how to pray as we ought, but the spirit maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered."

This is why so much of prayer must be *listening*. The Quakers are right when they spend the whole hour in perfect silence, listening to the still small voice within. Our requests to God may be right, but in God's eyes probably every one of them is one-sided and inadequate. If this be true, then art in prayer is the art of listening. When through experience we have found our own particular way of keeping our ear turned to God, we shall walk hand in hand with Jesus across the pages of the Gospel. (Frank Laubach)

"Efeipet"

— "HE HAS RISEN"!

THIS STRANGE-LOOKING INSCRIPTION, which means "He Has Risen"!, we saw many times, and in many places, along the walls of the long and devious network of the Catacombs, hidden beneath the soil of Rome, the Ancient City. Other symbols used by the early Christians, who fled there for refuge from the ruthless enemies of their precious new-found faith —many of whom died and whose bones still rest there — are also to be deciphered on these walls. The Guides always point them out to the many tourists, who do not feel that they have really "seen" Rome, or sensed its age-old background, until they have visited these cold and desolate Catacombs, whose very atmosphere, both physically, emotionally, and historically, brings chill to one's bones.

And yet, these first-century Christians who chiselled this inscription, and all the many others, equally meaningful, on these dark imprisoning walls, were *triumphant* Christians, in spite of the awful persecutions, tortures, and deaths which constantly pursued them. This particular inscription is repeated time after time, though slowly and tediously indeed it must have been accomplished. They could not proclaim this wondrous truth— "He Has Risen" — beyond these confining walls, but here, triumphant still, they could record it for others, like themselves, to read, and for posterity to realize and wonder at.

To them, torture and death had become meaningless. Only the one thing mattered — that they could still "Go Tell"; still make sure that this precious news of the Risen Christ would be proclaimed with joy and gladness, not only to those who fled for safety to the Catacombs — and not *all* of these were Christians — but to generations yet unborn, who would pause from their travels to read these chiselled words, and to sense the bravery, true faith, and fervour of those long-gone humble, persecuted folk, who were truly *believing* folk, and who knew, for a surety, from their own experience and knowledge, that "He Has Risen" — Christ, the Son of God, who was "crucified, dead, and buried, and on the third day rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty". Suffer they did, and die they would, but this Good News of the Risen Christ must be proclaimed in whatever way they could. Nothing else really mattered!

That is what "Easter" truly meant some 2000 years ago. That is what Easter means to-day to those who know, with all the strength and fervour of their Christian faith, that the fact of the Resurrection can mean only one thing — a loving and victorious Christ, who is alive for evermore, and who, through his death and Resurrection, has forever conquered "that last enemy — death". "He Has Risen", is still the triumphant message of the Eastertide, to all Christian people, and, like those long-ago triumphant, early Christians, whose joy and hope lay, without question, in the truth of this inscription, so this "Resurrection Message of our Risen Lord", should be the triumphant proclamation of the Christians of to-day to all those others throughout this vast and troubled world, who have not yet discovered, and learned to treasure, this glorious truth. Very particularly in such days as these — when there are many doubters who would deny the validity of so much that we hold dear within our faith — we must remember that to cherish and uphold our Christian faith, and to proclaim it far and wide, is not only the duty but the triumphant privilege of all Christians everywhere — even as it was so considered by those early Christians of two thousand years ago, who so proclaimed their joyous faith in the inscriptions they have left behind them on the walls of the Catacombs which imprisoned them! (L.M.C.)

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Your Prayers are asked

— That the great joy and triumph of the Resurrection may be reflected anew in the witness and devotion of the National Staff at this Easter Season.

— That, as a result of their consecrated witness, little children, teenagers and adults, will be able to interpret more clearly what Christ's Victory really means to them to-day, in this unsettled world.

— For all who profess the name of Christ, that at this Easter Season, the joy of the knowledge of the Resurrection may compel the sharing of this joy.

— For all who will share, and those who have shared, in decision-making at Synodical and National Board meetings, that they may be granted wisdom in making decisions and interpreting decisions made.

— For the Church in British Guiana. Pray that, in these days of turmoil in that country, it may be used for reconciliation among men, and between men and God.

— Pray for the women in the Church, that they may find the answer to their prayers that God will use them for His purpose in His Church. Pray for the Colony-Wide Conference to be held April 21st, that in this meeting there may be found a deeper fellowship in Christ, and with one another.

LETTER TO JACKIE!

(The following letter is from Kathleen Waldie of Toronto, to her cousin Jackie in Edmonton, Alberta. "Aunt Ruby" is Miss Ruby Walker, a National Missions Worker in the Inner City, under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)

Dear Jackie:

How's everything going with you? I suppose you are really busy with assignments and tests. I know I am! Recently I had a couple of free days, so I spent them learning about the Church's work in the Inner City. As you may know, Aunt Ruby is working in the Inner City, so I followed her about for two days. She has an office in one of the downtown Churches, which is close to the low-rental apartment area where her work is centered. There are approximately 10,000 people living in this area, and many of them do not seem to have any connection with a Church congregation.

I accompanied Aunt Ruby on some of her visits. In this area there are several apartment buildings for Senior Citizens, where the rents are geared to their income. For many, life has become very difficult. These people are trying to live on a very small pension. Many of the elderly folk are in ill health. Many are alone; their children have grown up and are living elsewhere — some far away. Often these people feel they have been forgotten by the world.

When Aunt Ruby visits these Senior Citizens, she tries to help them realize they are not forgotten. She helps them to become acquainted with other elderly people, who meet regularly in a nearby Church. The members of this group not only help one another to feel wanted, but they are doing things for others. The day I visited them, they were making Easter favours for hospital trays. It reminded me of our C.G.I.T. group when we had a similar project — chatter, chatter!

Aunt Ruby isn't only concerned about the older people — she has helped a group of young mothers get together to share their interests. This group meets regularly at the Church, and they have all sorts of interesting discussions and speakers. Once they had a V.O.N. nurse talk to them about caring for a sick person at home; another time they talked about the kind of books children should read. Neither of these two groups would have got started if there hadn't been a lot of organized visiting in the apartment area first.

Within this same area, there is a Hospital for the chronically ill and the convalescent. It is a new Hospital with bright cheery wards. But no matter how bright the surroundings, it is very easy to become depressed when one is ill, afraid, and alone. On the day I visited the Hospital, we went first to see some of the women patients. One of our first visits was to a very sweet, elderly lady. We gave her one of the booklets the Hospital Visitors carry with them. The picture on the front page reminded her of the hills of Scotland, and her mind went back to the "good old days at home." The little book contained Psalm 121, and Aunt Ruby suggested that she read it aloud to us. As the elderly lady read the Psalm, the words reminded her of other Bible verses, and she would stop to repeat them. She seemed to have so many tucked away in her tired mind. I'm sure she must have memorized them when she was young, and now she gains comfort from repeating them in her lonely hours.

Not everyone in this Hospital belongs to the older age group — we also visited a teenage boy. In the past he did not have much to do with the Church, but now a visit from a member of the Church means so much to him, and he has so many questions!!

Several times Aunt Ruby has asked me to play the piano for the Sunday Services at the Hospital. Men and women from some of the congregations in the city assist the wheel-chair patients to the auditorium, for the short Service of Worship each Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month, there is a Communion service. These Services mean a great deal to the patients. They look forward to the singing, and to the fellowship with others. Here, too, they are reminded that they are not alone with their problems, for God has not deserted them.

I sure wish you were living closer to us, and could visit Aunt Ruby with me. There are so many things that can be done to help the lonely people of the Inner City. Some of the patients in the Hospital need someone to write letters for them, to do some shopping, or to telephone a friend or relative. Others just need someone to talk to, someone who will listen, someone who will share her faith with them. More and more people are beginning to help in this work, but there is lots of room for others. I guess there is the same need in Alberta. Who visits the lonely people in Edmonton?

Now I must get back to the books. Write soon. Love to the family.

Your cousin, Kathleen

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE FINEST HOURS

By Jack Le Vien and Peter Lewis

First of all, I want to tell you about this most interesting and authoritative book about Sir Winston Churchill's life — perhaps because our memories are so filled with the amazing humanity, magnitude, and wonder of the greatly diversified character of the man, himself; perhaps because there is so much that we truly want to know about him and his tremendous influence and importance in the problems of the world of his time, but so many of the good books which have been written about him, both before and after his death, have been so expensive that most of us must lengthily wait our turn at some Library before we can read and enjoy them. Now there is available this excellent and thoroughly comprehensive "book about Churchill", which is not only a well-authenticated biography, but actually "a full-length portrait of one of the greatest men in history" — yet costs but $2.75!

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MY DARLING CLEMENTINE

By Jack Fishman

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EASTER

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Many people, in many places, saw this star and heard this call. They were pulled almost like a magnet pulls, and soon found themselves on the road following that star. There were shepherds on the hillside, and travelling wise men, and kings of distant lands, who saw the star and heard the message, and came to see what had happened.

A very wonderful and beautiful thing had happened that night. A baby boy was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem. This little boy was a very special baby because he was the Son of God, and he was born for a very special reason — he was born to bring love to all the world.

The baby's name was Jesus. He was little, just like you, and he grew just the same way you do. He was a kind and happy little boy. Just as you sometimes dream about what you would like to be when you grow up, this little boy wished too. He wanted to be a carpenter just like his father; but, as he grew up, he liked to be with people so much that he became a preacher and a teacher. He didn't teach in a classroom like we have, but he travelled all over the countryside and talked to people, telling them how they should live. Most often he would tell everyone, "Just love each other very much, because God loves you, and if you are kind and good to one another, you will make God very happy."

Many of the people loved to sit and listen to the stories Jesus told. They listened to the stories, and then they tried to do what he said they should do. Many of these people followed Jesus wherever he went, and then they told other people how good it was to listen to this man.

Some of the people didn't like Jesus, and they wouldn't listen to him at all. These people were very unhappy, and sometimes when people are unhappy they do things to hurt other people. This is just what happened to Jesus! Some of the people who didn't like Jesus thought the world would be a better place without him. They were even willing to have him killed on a cross, which was the way they punished people long ago.

One day Jesus came to a town. Many of the people were so happy to see him that they ran out to the road and cheered, and threw palm branches in the road to show how glad they felt. It was just like a parade that you might go to today. This was a very special day in the life of Jesus, because he knew that many people loved him. This day is known as Palm Sunday, and we celebrate it in our church with beautiful plants to show that we, too, love Jesus.

The week after this very special day was a very sad time for Jesus. The people who didn't like him made plans to have him killed. Jesus knew this, and it made him very sad. But he also believed that, when he died, some of the people who didn't love him would learn to later on. And this is just what happened. Jesus was killed. But on Easter morning Jesus' followers knew that he was alive and with them. They told everyone about it. They remembered the stories and things Jesus had told them about God's love, and they told these things to everyone they met.

This is such a wonderful story that today we tell it over and over, so that people all over the world may know about Jesus too. This is why Easter is so special — it reminds us that God's love is the most important thing in the world.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon* made their Annual Thank-Offering Appeal at a Sunday Morning Service in the Church, with three C.G.I.T. Graduates and several W.M.S. members taking part in the Programme. The Call to Worship was given by Miss Elaine Boer; Auxiliary President, Mrs. D. Black led the Invocation Prayer and the Lord's Prayer; Miss Ardele Bruce and Miss Glenda Pagan read the Old and New Testament Lessons; the C.G.I.T. and Explorers Groups sang the Anthem. The Children's Story was told by Mrs. John McCulloch, and Mrs. E. Ayre led in Morning Prayers. Using the text "White Fields — Where Are The Labourers?" the Rev. Denis Mahood, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, preached an excellent sermon.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Group, of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver* held their first meeting of 1965 at the home of Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, and were very happy to have with them, Mrs. P. K. Schnarennberger, the wife of the new minister of this Church. Mrs. Murdoch conducted the Installation of the 1965 Officers, and, on behalf of the members of the Group, Miss Minerva Potter presented to Miss Hazel Richardson, a Life Membership Certificate and Pin. An hour of social fellowship followed the meeting.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — A joint Thank-Offering Service was held by the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary; the Isabel Taylor Affiliated W.M.S. Group; the Explorers and the C.O.C.; of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* and this Service took the form of a tableau, "The Word Became Flesh," which depicted The Hebrew Family; The Holy Family; The Modern Family. Readings, solos, and commentaries interspersed these tableaux. At the close of the Service, the Explorers and C.O.C. Groups gave an interesting and instructive programme in the lower Hall, — a short Play; Memory Work; and a display of their year's mission work. Refreshments followed, and a Social Hour was enjoyed with parents and other members of the congregation.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—At the Christmas Meeting of the W.M.S. Adult Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* President, Mrs. R. B. Macdonald presided. The Christmas Service of Worship, from the December "Glad Tidings" was used, and Mrs. John Campbell read the Christmas Story, 'Rufus.' Tea was served and a Social Hour enjoyed.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* held their Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting at the home of their President, Mrs. P. Firth. A brief Business Meeting, with the Election of Officers, and a Sing-Song, brought the meeting to a close.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Two members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Willowdale* — Mrs. Mary E. Rabidou, and Mrs. Mildred L. Day — were recently honoured by their fellow members with the presentation of Life Membership Certificates from their Auxiliary. This money had been collected in Special Miniature Apron Banks, and contributed to this good purpose.

MCLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the W.M.S. Guilds of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat* held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Richardson, to honour Mrs. Margaret Moon, who is leaving soon to reside in *Valleyfield,* *Quebec.* Mrs. Moon, during her years in *Medicine Hat,* has contributed greatly to several Departments of the Church, but especially to the W.M.S. Auxiliaries. She was the 1964 President of the Isobel Taylor W.M.S. Guild, and attended the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, in *Canada,* held in Montreal, last May. On her return, Mrs. Moon was Guest Speaker at a morning Service of St. John's Presbyterian Church, when she gave to the congregation a vivid report of the meetings in *Montreal.* At this Joint Meeting of the W.M.S. Guilds, the Study for January was given by Mrs. Myrl Smith, President of McLeod Presbyterial, after which a Social Hour was enjoyed. The Isabel Taylor and the Hargrave Guilds, each presented Mrs. Moon with an engraved coffee spoon, as a token of appreciation for her leadership and interest during her stay in *Medicine Hat.*

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The 51st Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* with President, Mrs. C. W. Logan, presiding. Delegates and Officers from all points were present, despite the inclement weather. Others attending were the Rev. I. S. Wishart, Moderator; the Rev. Peter Ruddell; the Rev. S. Reid Thompson; the Rev. Graeme E. Duncan; Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Synodical President; Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary; Miss Merle McGowan, Missionary on furlough from *British Guiana.* The Opening Worship Service was conducted by the *Briercrest* W.M.S. Auxiliary; the Closing Worship Service, by the *Weyburn* Federation.

Based on Isaiah 40:31, the Theme for the three Sessions was "Strengthening Stewardship". Mrs. G. McIver was Soloist, and Mrs. Bessie Malton presided at the organ. At the Morning Session, Miss Margaret Boyd led in a critical self-appraisement, "Let's Look at Ourselves", and later in the day, conducted the answer — "What Did We See?" Many useful comments and suggestions were forthcoming. During the Supper Hour, Miss Merle McGowan told of her work, under the W.M.S., in *British Guiana.* The Evening Session was highlighted by a presentation of a typical C.G.I.T. Meeting, given by the C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox and St. John's Presbyterian Churches, *Moose Jaw.* Their Theme was "Recruiting for Ewart College".

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — President Mrs. R. Ryalls, presided, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterial Church, *Stoughton,* held its Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. James Young, and Miss Jean Little. Miss Jean Williamson, Presbyterial Vice-President, was Guest Speaker, and illustrated her interesting Address with films taken during her recent World Tour, which included our Mission Fields in India and Formosa. Several members of *Regina Presbyterial* Executive were also present. A poignant feature of the evening was the presentation of a Memorial Certificate, honouring the memory of the late Mrs. D. W. Sangster (Marion) who had served on Presbyterial Executive, and always been devotedly active both in the local Church, and in the Community. Presented by the Regina Presbyterial, the Presentation was made by Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Presbyterial Treasurer, and the Certificate was received by Mrs. Sangster's daughter, Mary Jean.

This Presbyterial held its 51st Annual Meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Indian Head,* with 27 members in attendance, and President, Mrs. W. Givens Smith, in the Chair. The Theme of the Meeting was "The Advancement of the Kingdom of God", and Mr. Cecil Thompson, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, based his stimulating address on Matthew 6:33 — "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Mr. Thompson stressed that "Prayer is a firm basis for the individual's plan of advancement."

Following Secretarial Reports, Discussion Groups met to consider the ways in which these Reports evidenced the advancement of God's Kingdom, and what further steps could be taken in these areas. Their conclusion was that personal witness is still the answer. The Out-going President, Mrs. W. Givens Smith, was presented with spoons commemorating the 100th W.M.S. Anniversary in 1964, and thanked for her fine leadership during the past four years. Miss Jean Williamson, the Incoming President, was honoured with a Life Membership in the Society. As evening came, the members departed for their homes throughout Eastern Saskatchewan, having increased their knowledge and vigour, with which to work for the advancement of God's Kingdom through their efforts in the W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada.*

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. G. McDougall, presided at the recent meeting of this Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* when the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. A. Cameron and Mrs. H. Hollinsworth. Secretaries' Annual Reports were read and approved, and plans made by the Presbyterial Annual Meeting to be held in First Presbyterian

Church, *Fort William*. Mrs. A. Cameron, Mrs. S. Sherlock, Mrs. M. Fidler and Mrs. G. McDougall were appointed as the Programme Committee. At the Social Hour, following, refreshments were served by Mrs. W. J. Stirrett and Mrs. M. Fidler.

The Annual Expense Fund Tea, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur*, was held in the Sunday School Hall, and, despite the very cold weather, a goodly number attended and made the Tea a marked success. Guests were welcomed by the W.M.S. President, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett; the wife of the Minister, Mrs. J. Clarke Hood; and Presbyterial President, Mrs. Gladys McDougall. A bouquet of Spring Flowers centred the Tea Table, and the social fellowship over the teacups was much enjoyed by everyone.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William* recently held a "Reception" commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the C.G.I.T. Programme. Guests were received by C.G.I.T. President, Miss Donna McKenzie; Mrs. J. Goodfellow, President of Pearl Grey Auxiliary which sponsors the C.G.I.T. Group of this Church; and by Mrs. D. J. Firth, wife of the minister of First Presbyterian Church. C.G.I.T. Vice-president, Miss Brenda Wehak, had charge of the "Memory Book," which all guests signed. Mrs. W. Murray, Superintendent of C.G.I.T. was in charge of arrangements, and Special Guests were Mrs. Ken McKay — the former May Gemmell, who was the first Girls' Work Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Miss Frances Wade, first C.G.I.T. Leader, when C.G.I.T. was first organized in *Fort William*, in 1922; Miss Joan Hogarth, Camp Nurse at the first C.G.I.T. Camp at the *Lakehead*. Many other former Leaders, and friends who had taken an active part in carrying on the C.G.I.T. work, also attended.

In groups of four, the girls depicted in dress and songs (in which the guests joined) each era from 1915 to the present day. As each era came forward, a résumé of First Presbyterian Church's C.G.I.T. History was given by C.G.I.T. President, Miss Kathy Green, and members of the Senior Group. A large "Anniversary Cake," baked by Mrs. Helen Reid, one of the earliest C.G.I.T. members of this Church, centred the Tea Table, and golden centrepieces made by the girls featured each Guest Table. Presiding at the tea trays were Mrs. Muriel Jenkins, 1939 C.G.I.T. Leader; Mrs. Peggy Pajamaki, 1941 Leader; Mrs. Joyce Pierce, 1949 Leader; Miss Peggy Hagglund, 1955 Leader. C.G.I.T. members served the guests.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was observed in January under the auspices of Winnipeg Presbyterial, in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg*. Presbyterial

President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, presided, and Mrs. N. W. B. Phills spoke on the Theme — "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Mrs. R. J. Earl was Soloist, and seven W.M.S. members gave the Prayers for the Church, at home and abroad and for the peace of the World.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover,* the Rev. Alvin McIntosh, of the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, showing slides of his work there among the Indian youth. Introduced by Mrs. H. I. Lindsay, the Speaker was thanked by Mrs. A. Fritz. President, Mrs. C. Nutt, presided, and members taking part were Mrs. C. Wenzel; Mrs. I. MacKay; Mrs. F. Scott; Mrs. E. Grutzner; Mrs. E. St. Clair. The C.G.I.T. were special guests.

President, Mrs. H. Fides, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tara,* when the Guest speaker, Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A. was introduced by a former classmate, Mrs. George Berry. Miss Reith told of the meetings of the World Presbyterian Alliance, in *West Germany,* which she attended as a Presbyterian Delegate. Also present was Mrs. G. Ralston, a former Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, *Toronto* — now Ewart College. A trio — Mrs. G. Gransdin, Mrs. Donald MacDonald, and Mrs. Tommy Duff, with Mrs. Rex Kennedy as Organist, provided the music.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tiverton,* a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. R. L. Scott, on behalf of the members. President, Mrs. Eldred Reid, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Scott, gave her the gift of a Life Membership pin.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* President, Mrs. F. A. Creasey, presided, and Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. A. Farquharson, Mrs. J. Shivas, Mrs. D. MacKay and Mrs. McDonald. Installation of Officers was conducted by Mrs. D. MacInnes, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, and the "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by Miss Janette McClaren. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, and Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, Past President of *Hamilton* Presbyterial, and member of Council Executive, were Guest Speakers at both Sessions. Miss Isabel McConnell, retired Missionary from the *Bhil Field, India,* gave a summary of her 1964 trip to *India,* where she officially opened the Isobel McConnell School of Nursing, at *Jobat*.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Leamington,* Mrs. James Reid paid tribute to Mrs. Burns Foster, who has served as Auxiliary Treasurer for the past 32 years, and is now retiring because of ill health. Mrs. Foster was made Honorary Treasurer, and, at her home later, was presented with an orchid corsage.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. N. Anderson, President, presided at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* and Mrs. N. A. Powell welcomed visitors. Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. C. W. Bishop; Mrs. Norman Elliott, and Miss Gail Harrison. Soloists were Mrs. M. E. Blakely and Mrs. J. Repchuck, and the Moderator, the Rev. T. H. Boyd, brought Presbytery greetings. Past President, Mrs. D. M. Allan, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. J. Blair, of *Burlington*. The "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by Mrs. F. Flett. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, was the Afternoon Speaker, and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N. on Furlough from *India,* in the evening told of her work on the *Bhil Field*. Luncheon and Dinner were served by the ladies of the Church.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Isabelle Matheson, of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. W. J. Baker, one of the oldest Auxiliary members. Mrs. Baker for 20 years gave continuous service on the Executive, and throughout the years has helped her Society in every way. The Guest Speaker at this meeting was Miss Marnie Runsey, on furlough from the *Egypt General Mission*.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting in St. John's Presbyterian church, *Port Stanley,* Mrs. W. C. Wheaton was presented with an Honorary Membership Certificate and Pin, in appreciation of her valuable services, both in her Church and in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*. Mrs. E. A. Allan, of *St. Thomas,* read the Presentation Address; Mrs. G. A. Gordier, of *London,* presented the Honorary Membership; Mrs. J. Monteith pinned on the gold Honorary Membership Pin. For 19 years, Mrs. Wheaton was President of the local W.M.S. Auxiliary. She was also President of *London* Presbyterial and, later, President of *Hamilton and London* Synodical. In her 40 years of W.M.S. service, she held many other offices in the W.M.S.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. George Sutherland presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in *Lucknow* Presbyterian Church, and Miss Anne Houson, Reg. N., home on furlough from *Nigeria* was

Guest Speaker, introduced by Mrs. F. Moffat. Morning Devotions were conducted by Mrs. S. McLennan, Mrs. McLean, and Mrs. Ross, of *Ashfield*: Afternoon Devotions were given by Mrs. B. Thomas, Mrs. T. E. Kennedy, and Mrs. R. J. McMurray. The Rev. W. J. Morrison, B.A. of *Brussels,* brought Presbytery greetings, and delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Morgan Henderson. A Memorial Service, in memory of Mrs. W. L. Speirs, late President of Maitland Presbyterial, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Sutherland thanked those taking part and Mrs. H. McKinnon closed the meeting with prayer.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—At a Sunday Evening Service in *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary observed their 70th. Anniversary. The Rev. P. G. MacInnes, B.A., conducted the Opening Devotions, and Miss May Miller read the Auxiliary History. Mrs. E. M. Spencer, of *Fort Erie,* President of *Niagara* Presbyterial, was Guest Speaker, and told of the Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal.* Miss Evelyn Bacon was Soloist, with organ accompaniment by Miss F. Baxter. Guests were present from *Niagara Falls, Stamford,* and *St. David's.*

At the Thank-Offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Pelham Road,* the minister, the Rev. Thomas Mulholland, spoke of his 17 years as a Missionary in *China.*

The fifth Annual Fall Conference was held in *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, with the Theme — "Disciples Here and Now." Five Workshops covered all phases of W.M.S. work, and Mrs. R. Sutherland, *Woodstock,* conducted the Anniversary Skit, presented by *Paris* Presbyterial. Miss Rhona Sutherland was Soloist.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of this Prebyterial was held in *Paris* Presbyterian Church with President, Mrs. George E. Corman, presiding. Mrs. C. S. Jones, and Mrs. F. D. Johnston conducted the Devotional Periods. Greetings were presented, from Synodical by Mrs. Stanley McPherson; from the Session and Presbytery by the Rev. Wayne A. Smith; from the local W.M.S. Auxiliaries, by Mrs. W. F. Whittaker. Mrs. Corman conducted the Memorial Service. Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, *Toronto,* discussed the Reports with the Secretaries, and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., on furlough from *India,* was Guest Speaker. Mrs. J. Bawcutt was Soloist, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. E. P. Winhold.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. G. Nickel, *Listowel,* presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stratford.* The Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., D.D., Moderator of the 90th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* addressed a joint meeting of Presbytery and

Presbyterial, speaking on "The Many Faces of Jesus." The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. R. Bissett, of *Avonton,* and Mrs. B. McLeod and Mrs. Alvin Innes led in Devotions. Guest Speaker, Miss Clare Hanes, spoke on "Words of Jesus" and music was given by the Quartette — Mrs. J. Mathison; Mrs. C. Kerslake; Mrs. G. Bickell; Mrs. Oliver Stacy —accompanied by Mrs. R. Bissett, of *Avonton.* Mrs. MacLamond presented the Macerspey Award to Mrs. R. Hamilton, Leader of the *Milverton* C.O.C., in recognition of the advancement made by her Group. Officers were installed by the Rev. R. Bissett.

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PRESS SECRETARY

The Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical will be held in Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church, Orangeville, Ont., April 6-8, 1965.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in *Essa Road* Presbyterian Church, with President, Mrs. E. McClung presiding. Greetings were received from Miss S. McMurchy, a life-long member of the W.M.S. and Honorary President of Barrie Presbyterial, who is now in her 91st year. A Memorial Service was led by Mrs. J. M. Ritchie and Mrs. Elmer Cole, of Stayner. Special Guests were Miss Dorothy Lukes, former Port Worker in *Montreal,* and the Rev. Roy Gellately, of *Nigeria.* Others taking part in the Programme were Mrs. A. E. Jenkins, President of *Essa Road* W.M.S. Auxiliary; Miss J. Anderson and Mrs. R. Adams of *Barrie;* Mrs. T. C. Meneice, *Gravenhurst*; Mrs. W. C. Robertson, *Bracebridge;* Mrs. A. J. Butt, *Huntsville*; Mrs. Leslie Walker and Mrs. Taylor of *Essa Road Church*; and the Rev. W. S. Bell, host minister.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—The 51st Annual Meeting of East Toronto Presbyterial was held in Glebe Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* with President Mrs. W. J. Head in the Chair. Greetings were presented from Presbytery by the Moderator, Professor A. L. Farris; from Council Executive by President Mrs. A. S. Curr; from Toronto and Kingston Synodical, by President Mrs. F. Black; and from West Toronto Presbyterial by President Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A. Contributing especially to the Programme were Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions; Miss Anne Howson, Reg. N., on furlough from the Mary Slessor Hospital at *Itu, Nigeria,* where she is a Nursing Superintendent; the Rev. Roy Gellatley, of Calabar, *Nigeria*; Mrs. Murray Rose, of *Nigeria*; Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions; and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss E. L. McClelland, W.M.S. Treasurer, was Guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, *Trenton.* She spoke of the "Big Business" of the W.M.S. and stressed how carefully the Estimates are planned, in order to get the most out of every dollar toward the advancement of God's Kingdom, and Group Treasurers found both interest and guidance in her Address. The Presentation of Annual Reports, and the Discussion following were aided by the presence of the Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie. In vacating the Chair, the Retiring President, Mrs. John Craig, spoke of her gratitude to the Society, and the Incoming President, Mrs. John Wallace, of *Stirling* thanked Mrs. Craig for her fine contribution to *Kingston Presbyterial.*

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — For the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, 105 members met together in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church *Lindsay* — only two of the 22 Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial were not represented. President Mrs. H. Westcott of *Gamebridge,* presided, and the Rev. H. M. Buntain, Presbytery Moderator, brought greetings. Secretarial Reports were encouraging, and the Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. James Beaton, showed a fine increase over last year's givings. A good increase in Glad Tidings Subscriptions was also reported.

Guest Speaker was Mrs. Roy Gellatley, on furlough with her husband, the Rev. Roy Gellatley, from their work in *Calabar, Nigeria.* While Mr. Gellatley was a student at Knox College, *Toronto,* he and his wife served in the Presbyterian Church of *Cannington,* within the *Lindsay* Presbyterial. Mrs. Gellatley told of their work in *Nigeria,* and of the strength of the Church there. The "Forward Movement" whereby 5% must be tithed to the Church, in money, time, and prayers, is largely responsible for this. The Rev. Inya Ude is now in charge of the Field. When Mr. Gellatley went to *Nigeria,* in 1961, there were 9 Churches on the Field; to-day there are 24. Twelve Evangelists and five full-time laymen assist Mr. Gellatley, and services are conducted in three languages. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, conducted the Installation of Officers, when Mrs. H. Westcott, of *Gamebridge* was re-elected to the Presidency. Mrs. James Beaton is Treasurer.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* conducted the Devotional Periods at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg*. President, Mrs. Orval Forrester, presided, and the Rev. L. R. Renault brought Presbytery greetings. Synodical greetings were brought by Synodical President, Mrs. W. S. Reid, who also installed the 1965 Executive. At the "In Remembrance" Service, Mrs. Hawkes led in prayer, and Mrs. W. Langabeer was soloist. Secretarial Reports were received and discussed, and Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Robinson reported a substantial increase in givings during the year. The Theme of the Meetings was "Christian Service." Honorary Membership Certificates and Pins were presented to Mrs. Lorne Kincaid, and to Mrs. Edwin Jones by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* in recognition of their many years of faithful service.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — A good attendance from all Auxiliaries marked the Annual Meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* with President, Mrs. McCleverty, presiding. The Opening Devotions were conducted by Mrs. C. MacRae, with prayer by Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. J. C. MacGregor was appointed Official Delegate to the Annual Synodical Meeting, and the Reports of all secretaries evidenced an active and interested membership throughout the Presbyterial. Mrs. W. L. MacLellan spoke on the Anniversary Bursary established in the Presbyterial last year, and suggested that this money be divided among three students from this Presbytery, who are preparing for the Presbyterian Ministry. It was unanimously decided that the Presbytery should decide upon the three students eligible for same. The Rev. Dr. W. L. MacLellan installed the Officers for 1965.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. Jack, presided at the annual meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arnprior,* when the Devotions were conducted by the Rev. C. J. St. Clair Jeans, with Mrs. L. Paul, Miss O. Dowall, and Mrs. N. R. Dunlop participating. The Remembrance Service was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Jones and Mrs. D. H. Grant, and the Guest Speaker was Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A. Executive Director of Overseas Missions, who spoke on the Theme, "Let Your Light Shine." Synodical President Mrs. W. S. Reid, in her Synodical greetings, stressed the need for co-operation and co-ordination. Officers for 1965 were installed by Miss Whale, with Miss Dorothy Dodds, of Perth, the new President.

At the Christmas Meeting of the Ross W.M.S. Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. J. Jack, a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Stewart Bingham, by Mrs. David Tripp, on behalf of the Auxiliary, assisted by Mrs. G. Olmstead.

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YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE!

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MISS WEBSTER

God, who created the world and all that lives thereon, saw His creatures choose evil rather than good — slavery rather than freedom. Nevertheless He loved them, and gave His most precious possession, His only Son, to redeem them from the captivity which they had chosen, that once again they might be His own and live in fellowship with Him.

You and I, living in this year 1965, were included in that creation and redemption. Though we have frequently chosen to serve the cause of evil, we have been purchased with a high price. No longer are we our own. We belong to God who has both created and redeemed us.

Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit

The slave, granted unexpected and undeserved freedom, can do no less than break forth into joyous songs of thanks. So, the dominant mood of your life and mine must be one of grateful joy, that forces us to worship our Redeemer in praise and adoration.

But the slave, set free from the tyranny of a hard captivity, becomes the willing servant of his redeemer, his new master. He eagerly gives his whole life to serve this one who has set him free. You and I must also respond to God's redemption with our whole lives in willing service. We, too, must glorify God, not merely with our spirit but with our bodies, used in humble daily service of Him who bought us.

To serve the present age

God has made clear that service to Him means service to our fellow men—"As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." We are to glorify God, as we serve "the least of these."

And "one of the least of these" may be—

—the handicapped child, the arthritic old-age pensioner, the harried mother-of-six in your neighbourhood,

—the prostitute, the drug addict, the alcoholic of a Canadian city that you know,

—the Canadian Indian, seeking to move from his reserve to the big city; the American Negro, wishing to register to vote; the Czech or Hungarian, longing to throw off the fetters of communist dictatorship;

—the illiterate Bhil, haunted and enslaved by the spirits living in the trees and animals around him; the meditative Buddhist in his search for Nirvana; the highly educated Muslim, who believes Mohammed is God's latest and supreme revelation of himself.

The nature of our service will vary from day to day. It will include daily consideration and helpfulness to members of our family and our friends. It may entail a friendly call on someone not far away; an invitation to a stranger to share a meal with us or participate in our group or church life; a note to one bereaved and lonely. It may require a sacrificial gift of time or money, that some great cause go forward. It may mean your life, or your influence upon the life of a son or daughter, or a young person near to you, that one more Missionary may go forth to some distant vineyard ready for harvest. It will, without doubt, require much prayer, that, through us and our fellow Christians, God may speak to the present age.

Our preparation for relevant service includes a knowledge of the age we serve. The newspaper, T.V., radio, books, people, will all add to our knowledge of this age of fast-moving revolution, taking place in all nations. Our basic equipment for the task is a strong, growing faith, based on our own encounter with God, and on our knowledge of God's revelation of Himself through the Bible. Regular study—both personal and group—of the Bible and its relevance for the world today, must be for us a regular discipline.

This, then, is the call that comes to us today:—You were bought with a price . . . therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit—that you may serve the present age.

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FAITH

Faith looks across the storm—
It does not doubt
Or stop to look at clouds
And things without.

Faith does not question why
When all His ways
Are hard to understand,
But trusts and prays.

It seeks the greatest gift
And asks not sight;
It does not need to see—
He is its light.

Above the tempest's roar
It hears His voice;
And, with its hand in His,
Faith can rejoice.

It fears no cloud or wind
That it can bring;
Faith looks across the storm
And still can sing.

—Author Unknown.

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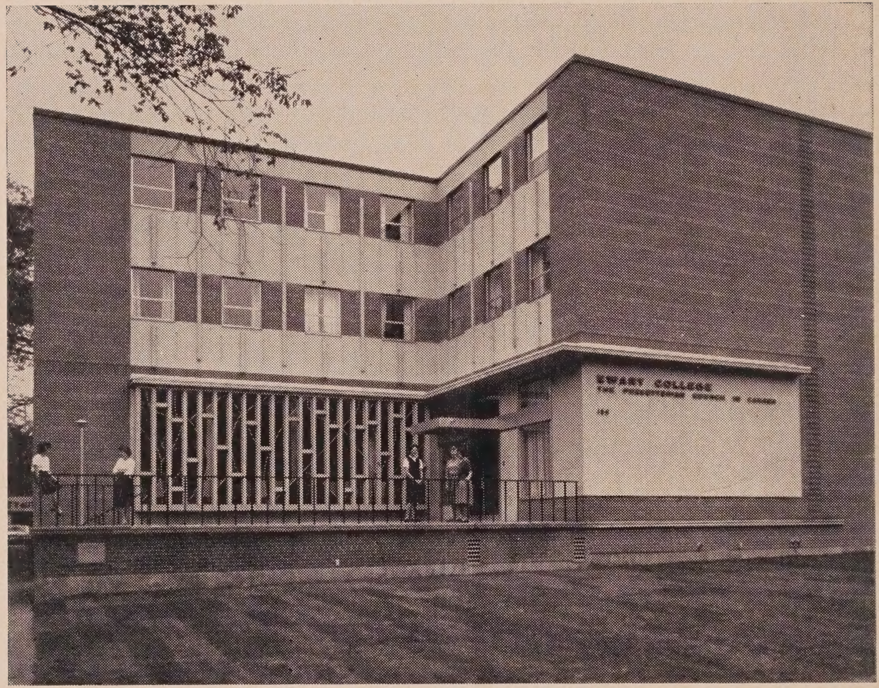

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday May 10th. 1965, to Friday May 14th. 1965, inclusive. The Theme of the Sessions will be "To Serve the Present Age", and this is found in the second verse of Hymn No. 593. The Scripture quotation at the beginning of the Hymn is from 1st Corinthians, Chapter 6, verse 20 — "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

PRAYER

by (MRS. N. M.) KATHLEEN RUSAW

Matron, Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.

Our gracious heavenly Father, we come humbly before Thee to ask for Thy blessing, and to seek Thy forgiveness for all our unworthiness and sinful lives. Grant, we pray Thee, that we may ever be mindful of Thy loving kindness to all Thy children. May we never be hesitant to come before Thee with all our troubles and tribulations, as Thou hast bidden us — "Come unto Me all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh thee."

We humbly thank Thee, O most merciful Father, for all Thy gifts, so freely bestowed upon us. For life, and health, and safety; for power to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation, and in the lives of men, we praise and magnify Thee. We thank Thee, too, for the privilege Thou hast given us to witness for Thee before men everywhere. Forgive us, O Lord, whenever we have failed to do Thy will in declaring Thee before men, and grant us courage and wisdom to speak, or to do what Thou would have us do, and in so doing obey Thy command — "Go ye into all the world and witness for Me".

We remember before Thee, O God, our most gracious Queen Elizabeth, and all members of the Royal family. We ask Thy blessing on all those who are in authority in our land; our Governor General, Prime Minister, Premiers and Leaders of all our Provinces. Give them wisdom, O God, to make decisions which are pleasing unto Thee. Give courage and wisdom to all members of the United Nations Council, and all Rulers and Leaders in all nations. Blot out all sins of hatred, malice, greed, selfishness, and prejudices, and help us to live and work as one family, looking to Thee our heavenly Father.

Bless, we pray Thee, all our Missionaries and Christian workers in Thy Holy Church, at home and abroad. Give to them a new vision, and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, that the eternal message of Thy Son may be hailed as the good news of a new age.

We ask especially, at this time, Thy blessing on our Annual Council meetings. May we, Leaders, Representatives, and all members of our Missionary Society, dedicate ourselves anew to Thee and Thy service. Put into the heart of each one of us such a love for Thee that we may truly love our neighbors as ourselves; a love that leaps the boundaries of race or color, creed or kind; that knows no distinction of class; that reaches out a saving hand even unto the least of these our brethren. Fill our lives with a single motive of service, and use us, Lord, for Thine own purpose as Thou wilt, and when and where, that "Thy will may be done in earth as in heaven."

We ask all in the name of Thy dear son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1964

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.) OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1964

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Synodical givings:		
British Columbia	$ 15,375.98	
Alberta	15,132.28	
Saskatchewan	10,688.29	
Manitoba	13,298.81	
Hamilton and London	121,933.47	
Toronto and Kingston	138,919.76	
Montreal and Ottawa	56,225.91	$371,574.50
Individual gifts	$ 18,397.16	
Less Individual gifts held for 1965	1,951.15	16,446.01
Church assessment for Indian work in Canada		$ 481.40
Interest		$ 147.58
		$388,649.49

Disbursements:

National	$111,949.07
Overseas	163,407.02
Organization	45,005.45
Publications	22,614.95
Administration	26,076.50
Loss on sale of bonds	922.50
Synodical grants	951.26
Grants	2,310.00
Students	2,575.00
Christian literature	7,007.00
Council meeting	4,940.22
Insurance and taxes	1,691.00
Medical insurance for staff	2,447.50

General contingency	$	165.00	
Visual education		34.21	
Payments from special gifts		10,173.02	$402,269.70

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Receipts:

Synodicals:

British Columbia	$	655.40
Alberta		665.00
Saskatchewan		610.00
Manitoba		602.60
Hamilton and London		5,939.16
Toronto and Kingston		7,214.32
Montreal and Ottawa		2,926.93
	$	18,613.41

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January-February 1965

	1964	1965
British Columbia		
Alberta		
Saskatchewan	$ 385.00	
Manitoba		
Hamilton and London	$ 6,335.00	$ 3,237.76
Toronto and Kingston	3,000.00	1,500.00
Montreal and Ottawa	1,812.57	2,000.00
	$ 11,532.57	$ 6,737.76

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AN OLD CHINESE PROVERB

If there is righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character
There will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home
There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation
There will be peace in the world.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

ONCE AGAIN, our thoughts are centred on the Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which will convene in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, from Monday, May 10th to Friday, May 14th, 1965.

The Theme chosen, "To Serve The Present Age", is taken from Praise Selection No. 593, in the Book of Praise. There is much food for thought contained in this Theme. As we think of the present age, we would remember that we are in the age of Ecumenical Mission, and Joint Action For Mission, on six Continents.

For many of the people whom we seek to serve at home and Overseas, the present age is one of fear, confusion, and uncertainty. The present age is continually making new, and greater, demands upon all of us. In view of this, the Council Meeting must be, for all of us, a time of self-examination and soul-searching.

In our Opening Session on Monday evening, the Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., D.D., Moderator of the Ninetieth General Assembly, will bring greetings and lead us in Worship. The Rev. J. A. Munro, M.C., B.D., D.D., will be our Theme Speaker, and I am sure will bring before us many things pertinent to the present age. Will you be much in prayer for the Council Meeting, and plan to attend, if possible?

To those of you who will not be able to attend, I would ask you to be much in prayer for us, in those days of May 10th to 14th, inclusive. Pray for those who will take part in the presentation of our work. Pray that God will give us His divine guidance in our thinking, in our discussions, and in all the decisions that we may make.

OUR COVER PICTURE

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

We are privileged, indeed, in this month when all Mothers are especially remembered on Mother's Day, May 9th, 1965, to have, as the Cover Picture for the May issue of our "Glad Tidings", this very beautiful photograph of the Royal Mother, our beloved Queen Elizabeth — who typifies all Mothers — with her two children, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. This photograph was taken in the Blue Drawingroom of Buckingham Palace, in June of 1964, when little Prince Edward, her fourth child, born on March 10th, 1964, was about three months old, and Prince Andrew, her third child, was then four years old. Now, Prince Andrew is five years old, and "going on six", and Baby Edward has had his first Birthday "and two months more".

There are, of course, many beautiful photographs of Queen Elizabeth, all showing her dignity, poise, and loveliness, on all occasions, and in all the many regal phases of her life and its manifold public duties, but none, I think, could be more beautiful than this one — or more meaningful! Winston Churchill, who always loved her dearly, once described Her Majesty as "a gracious, gleaming figure", but how much more than that she means to her own people, and to the world in which she lives, was never more splendidly told than in the outstanding Address given shortly after her last visit to Canada, by our former Governor General, the Honourable Vincent Massey, when he spoke to The Canadian Club of Toronto. I would like to quote a few excerpts from that Address —

"There are two ways," said the Honourable Vincent Massey, "of looking at the Crown. You can hold it up to the eye and examine it in detail, or you can put it into the context of the Community and step back to look at the whole picture. Both approaches have their advantages. Obviously, the Monarchy does not — and indeed cannot — exist in isolation from the people it serves. It plays some part, large or small, in everybody's life, and is influenced by the same conditions of modern living that affect us all. We cannot slow the pace of human events, but if we are to be masters of the future, rather than the slaves of fate — we must re-establish the ideals which respect the individual!

Here, we must value the role of the Monarchy, as the institution best placed to fill this need. Looking at it closely, you will find that it does so in a number of ways. In the first place, there is the Crown at the head of the political system, making it more understandable for ordinary people, who take an interest in the doings of their Sovereign.

Then, there is the Crown as the head of the intangible thing we call 'The Nation', strengthening the Community and its government with the bonds of a personal loyalty, which is much more powerful than just respect for the flag or a constitutional document. Thirdly, there is The Queen, as head of State, keeping certain important institutions free from partisanship and political recriminations.

Finally, there is The Queen, with her husband and children — the first family of her realm, showing us the essential unit of human society at its best.

In each of these functions, the genius of the Monarchy is that it sets at the head, human beings revealing the best qualities of our tradition. In this sense, the people know that they have a friend in their Sovereign, and they accept her leadership because they can believe in her, and understand her example. And so, the Monarchy must be kept free from controversy, because it stands for, and upholds, those precious ideals which are above partisan struggle.

In Canada, the roots of Monarchy have existed since the earliest times. Canada has always been a Monarchy. First, under the French; next, under the British; and now, under *our own Queen.* And all of it that matters now to us, is that the Queen is, in *fact,* as she is known to be — the Queen of Canada. This is not a romantic fiction, but a constitutional fact. If we are told, as we sometimes are, that Sovereignty should be transferred to the Canadian people, such counsel makes little sense. Full Sovereignty *is* ours already, embodied in the Crown — *our* Crown, and *our* Queen!"

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THAT SILVER BIRCH!

By Marjorie Cunningham

In my backyard, there is a tree,
And oft, when life seems dull to me,
I take a pause from pots and pans,
And gaze on things not made by hands.

I sometimes long for wealth untold,
And could I find that pot of gold,
I think I'd sail the ocean blue
And wondrous far-off sights I'd view.

But as I watch white branches trace
A pattern fine as any lace,
I think to equal would be hard
That Silver Birch in my backyard.

In Remembrance

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SHARING WITH UKRAINIANS

by THE REV. MICHAEL FESENKO

Minister of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Toronto

IT IS CHARACTERISTIC of the Canadian population picture that we have large Ethnic groups of divers origins settled in the country. In our larger cities, they are usually represented by groups that settle in certain portions of the city, and then slowly integrate with the life of the community, thus spreading and mixing with the rest of the city population. It has always been the policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Women's Missionary Society, to try to assist all these newcomers in their new surroundings, in every possible way.

Canada has had several waves of immigration from Europe, and often when a previous immigration wave would more or less settle in, a new one would take its place, with ever the same demand on the services of the Church. About them and other immigrants, D. E. Woodward in his broadcast of May 26th, 1964 said: "Since World War II, 435,000 families — more than a million and a half people — have come here. And many more came earlier. I can agree with Judge Bissonnette that there are enough of them for us to pay most serious attention to." What is true for public-spirited men is much more true for the Church of Jesus Christ. "The Citizen" in a recent issue states that in the period between 1951 and 1961, 300,000 children were born to these new immigrants.

In our desire to approach the new Canadians and share with them our spiritual values, and in our efforts to help them make a friendly beginning in a new place, we have found that this work demands specialization. To reach them and their families, it is necessary to come to them with an understanding of their background, their history, and their language. As a rule, they prove to be excellent citizens, hard working and thrifty, transforming the slums in which many of them settle, into thriving improved communities.

Recent history teaches us that the Christian Churches in any country should not neglect this important sector of their population. Before the revolution in Russia, the Greek-Orthodox Church possessed untold riches in land, gold, precious stones, and many other things. But, as rich as it was, it was completely unconcerned with mission work at home and abroad. In proportion to its immense possessions, the mission work was scarcely noticeable. The Russian Empire included many different peoples among the millions, but the Greek-Orthodox Church was in no hurry to share its spiritual treasures with them. Thus it happened that these different nationalities, while absorbing Russian culture and learning the Russian language, were never touched by the message of the Church, simply because the Church neglected to do its duty. As a result, when the revolution came, and these spiritually-neglected minorities took over the government of the country, they turned on the Church with hatred, despoiled its possessions, confiscated its lands, and wiped out most of the Clergy. It is interesting to note the names of the leaders — very few of them were Russians. We hear such names as Mikoyan (Armenian), Trotzky — whose real name was Bronstein (Jewish), Kaganovych (Jewish), Stalin — whose real name was Dzugashvili (Georgian), and many such others. The whole character of the changes that took place in Russia would have been entirely different if the Church had done its missionary duty at home and abroad. In Canada, we have a different spirit, and we hope for a brighter future for all, through sharing our best with all newcomers.

There are many groups and selfish interests that are trying to impose themselves on newcomers. The new immigrants usually live in downtown districts where liquor outlets abound, and selfish people prey on them. It is said that nature abhors a vacuum. The same could be said about the human heart, and here the Church could do much good. At present there are over 5,000,000 people in Canada whose ancestry is neither English, nor French. Among them, the Ukrainian group comprises about 500,000 persons. A great number of Ukrainians came after World War II. It is an unfortunate, but undeniable, fact that the majority of immigrants from Europe come without any strong Church loyalties, and Ukrainians are no exception. Only a portion of them are connected with the traditional Churches, and very often not because of any spiritual considerations, but of material ones, such as a credit union loan, a dance, or bingo game. Statistical reports of the 1961 census show that in spite of the natural increase, and the large immigration, membership in the traditional Churches in Canada is diminishing. It is evident that in order to win these people back to the knowledge of God, the Message must reach them more efficiently, by a new approach. As one prominent Ukrainian clergyman said publicly recently, "The Church went one way, and the Ukrainian people went the other way".

To remedy this situation, the Roman Catholic Church is using unusual methods, which I am certain will prove harmful for Ukrainian children in the end. They are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in building Ukrainian separate public and high schools. They hope that this will help them to retain control over the spiritual life of the people later. In some cases this may be so, but at the same time it does great harm to Ukrainian children, artificially separating them from the rest of the Canadian community, and from fellowship with other children. It is a great pity that so many parents are misled into sending their children to sectarian schools, which are actually building a ghetto, rather than a free community. Many Ukrainian Roman Catholics send their children to public schools, and we hope for the sake of Ukrainian children that their number will increase.

The Communists are still with us. They flood every home with their free literature, printed in Canada and in the U.S.S.R. Their so-called "scientific journals" in the Ukrainian language (sold in Canada for less than cost price) are filled with brazen atheistic propaganda, under the name of science. Their "exchange" lecturers do their best to undermine the confidence of Canadian newcomers in Canadian achievements. Their spying organizations are very active, and from their reports the Russian government demands from the Canadian government the "repatriation" of alleged "war criminals" among Ukrainians, from time to time. All this helps to keep the refugees from Communist countries in a state of constant fear.

In our work downtown we are earnestly attempting to represent the goodwill of the Presbyterian Church to all newcomers, and to share the riches of the reformed faith with them — this with tact and without attempts at proselytizing. Downtown is not a place for building a prosperous middle class congregation, but it is a great place for serving newcomers, and helping them in their spiritual needs.

We must say that during the many years of our work in the downtown district, the Women's Missionary Society was always an unfailing friend, not only of Ukrainians, but of other Ethnic groups as well. What we did in the past and are doing presently, well illustrates the needs of the people and the ways by which to help them. A great portion of the good which we are able to accomplish was a direct result of the interest and the assistance of the Women's Missionary Society.

Ukrainians have no historical Protestant background, and in the past if they became disillusioned with the traditional churches, they would usually become irreligious. They knew no other church to turn to. Our work presented them with a new alternative to irreligion, and many accept it. It is interesting to note that Toronto alone, among other large cities, numbers over a thousand Ukrainians who registered themselves as Presbyterians. We believe that our work contributed in this matter. The majority of Ukrainian Presbyterians in Toronto have moved to the suburbs, and many of them attend local churches. It is significant that we began our work without one member, and as a new venture. God blessed this effort and now we have a small but thriving congregation.

In the beginning of our work our foremost problem was to find a suitable place of worship. For years we ourselves rented rooms in houses and empty stores. This continued until 1942 when with the kind help of the W.M.S. and the Home Mission Board (who jointly granted us a mortgage of $4,000.00) our growing group was able to build our present Church building. During different periods, the average attendance ranged from a handful to a goodly congregation, with a Sunday School of over eighty children in some years. On special occasions and during evangelistic campaigns, we were able to fill the large auditorium of Dale Presbyterian Church with the interested. However, better times always lessen the religious interest of the people. Also, the downtown population is continually on the move to the suburbs, to farms, to better work, to better living quarters, and this affects our membership.

During World War II, the wives of Canadians who volunteered to go overseas had to work in factories, and they needed daytime nurseries for their children. With the assistance of the W.M.S. we accommodated our Church building for such a nursery. Our daytime nursery did excellent work during the war under the supervision of Miss Isabel Taylor. After the war, large numbers of immigrants came from concentration and UNRA camps, needing clothing. Some of them were still wearing old German uniforms issued to them in Europe. We opened a second-hand clothing store, with prices so low that no store in the district could compete with us. The W.M.S. sent us truck loads of used clothing for men and women, in the best condition, and we were able to provide many a person with good clothing, till such time as they were able to find employment and buy themselves new clothing. Also, many bags of used clothing were sent to the camps for refugees, all of it donated by the good ladies.

Many a child was cheered at Christmas with fine gifts from the Supply Department of the W.M.S., when their parents were not able to buy them anything. Our citizenship school also did good work until the Board of Education organized classes for newcomers. When Ukrainian Presbyterian Congregations in Europe needed hymn books, it was the W.M.S. which financed the printing of 2,000 of them. (I should remark in passing that before the war, some of our people from Canada and the U.S.A. returned to the Ukraine and built there a Presbytery in the province of Wolynia and Galicia. It was the W.M.S. which sent them, at their request, a Ukrainian missionary, Rev. P. Crath, to help them organize a Presbytery.)

Before the Second World War we had an acute need for Christian literature. The Communists had a well organized press, while we did not even have religious booklets. During our open air work which we conducted together with Evangel Hall, we were able to find out what interested people the most, during the question periods. I printed answers to these questions by mimeograph, and sent them to all the addresses where I felt they would be interested in the message. When the W.M.S. learned about the need, they were kind enough to help to print instead a monthly paper, the "Evangelical Truth", which now has an established reputation, and is sent all over the world to different centres where there are Ukrainians. A number of copies are mailed to Communist satellite countries. A fuller report of this work alone and its encouraging results would take much more space. At the present time it is one of the most important ways of sharing with others the spiritual riches that we, as Presbyterians, possess.

We are also trying to reach Ukrainians in the Soviet Ukraine with the Gospel message by radio. In the past the International Section of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation broadcast our services to the Ukraine from time to time. Now they are willing to increase the frequency of our broadcasts. We have recent information that people there are able to hear our broadcasts and appreciate them.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has only three Ukrainian congregations — one in Oshawa, one in Toronto, and one in Hamilton. In spite of this small number, they are all of national importance for Ukrainians, and have a history of good work in the past, and many useful opportunities for service in the future. We feel that after these years of work in the downtown area, the need for our witness and help is not diminished. We now have an organized congregation with a Church Session. The congregation pays part of the Minister's salary, in spite of the fact that we are continually losing our members to the suburbs, and it is thus hard for us to grow financially and numerically. But the need for the work remains the same, as there are many more people living in our district than before the war. We feel that God has been very good to us in the past, and we look with confidence to the future.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT
OF
MISS GRACE LEE

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Thirty-four years of continuous, faithful, Christian Ministry came to an end on February 28th, 1965 when the retirement of Miss Grace Lee became effective. Because of failing eyesight, Miss Lee found it necessary to request an early retirement from the National staff of our Society, and it was with sincere regret that her request was granted.

Miss Lee was born in Victoria where her father was a well-to-do merchant. In 1912 Mr. Lee retired, and returned to China with his family, settling in Kwangtung Province. Grace was sent to a Missionary Boarding School in Kongmoon, on condition that she would not become a Christian. Miss Agnes Dulmage, a missionary teacher at this school, and an appointee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, was a great influence on the young girl, and after two years at the school, Grace became a Christian. She attended Teacher Training and Theological Schools in Tung Shan, following which she taught Kindergarten for two years before returning to Victoria in 1928, where she was a member of the staff of the Chinese Public School for three years. In 1931, she joined the National staff of our Society, taking over responsibility for the Chinese Kindergarten, and work among the Chinese women. She also taught the Chinese language to many of the children of the Chinese community. During her term of service, almost three thousand children have been influenced by Miss Lee. She has in recent years taught many of the children of her former pupils.

Miss Lee is much loved throughout the Chinese community, and is known to all as "Lok Goo", a Chinese form of endearment meaning "sixth auntie". A memorable service and reception was held in her honour on February 14th in the Chinese Church, Victoria, at which time many of her friends and pupils gathered to honour her, and presentations were made to her from the various groups in the Chinese Congregation and Community.

As Miss Lee leaves our National staff, the members of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) would express to her their sincere appreciation for her many years of fine service, and would pray for her God's continued blessing during her years of retirement.

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres 1965

Training Centres are being planned for the summer of 1965. Keep these dates in mind, plan to attend one of them and encourage others to do so, and watch for further publicity which will come to local groups.

Dates and Places

July 12 - 16—The Baptist Leadership Training School,
Calgary, Alberta

July 26 - 30—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsiblities, to grow—

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada, and around the world
- in their ability as leaders

OUR GROUP AND ITS MEMBERS

by MARGARET MARSHALL

TO REALLY BELONG, we must be contributing members of any Group. Even the family must include each member's effort, if it is to be strong. Personal contribution makes each a partner in the enterprise, and it establishes a responsibility towards the Group. The women's organizations of our church often overlook this valuable and simple need.

When your Group is formed, you'll find some who like the limelight, some who work quietly in the shadows, some who organize, and some who follow. A good Executive soon discovers the talents of the members, and uses them for the good of the Group. We cannot change the way a person feels, but by accepting the way she operates we give her a feeling of security. A quiet person hates to be pushed, a dominant person resents outright curbing. Each has her spot in the Organization. If we re-read the story of the talents, we notice that the man with three talents is not admired for those three, but for what he does with them. Our "little talent" of noticing the need of another may be far greater, and bring greater reward, than our "big noticeable talent" of oratory or organization.

What of the woman who has the gift of faithful attendance, and who is always on time? Is this not a talent? Could it not be used? Everyone likes to feel welcomed. A quiet, but sincere, greeting for each, as she enters, might start the meeting off with a feeling unknown before.

If we contribute in some way other than materially we become loyal to the Group. People often say to me, "How do we build loyalty among our children, to their Sunday School?" My answer is a question. "Have they become part of it, not physically, but spiritually and emotionally?" Bad behaviour ends when loyalty enters with children, and I feel certain that late-comers and uncertain members would make more effort if it was "my" Group not "the" Group they were attending.

All Groups, to be strong, must have a well understood and accepted reason for existing. This, of course, is automatic in Church Groups, but very often it is not well stated. The more definite and meaningful the purpose is to each member, the stronger the unit. Dedicated members, who emotionally and spiritually have accepted the purpose, must talk individually with others, to impart these feelings and trust. Has the quiet person been ignored? Does she really know her niche? Loud talking from the top never really fires enthusiasm in the Group, but sincere woman-to-woman communication does. Every member must have a personal tangible feeling of her need for the Group, and its need for her.

Our need for the Group is important. It is a psychological need "to belong." Everyone who is truly happy feels it. Usually our need is unrecognized by self, and it is felt rather than expressed. The attention-getter's need is different from that of the submissive person. A wise Executive recognizes each. The overt outgoing person must be used so that it does not look as if she carried the whole load or purpose. If she does, the Group will collapse into nothingness, a one-man show. The curious will help the Group to venture into new highways and byways, if given a chance; the artistic can add beauty; the oratorical becomes the mouthpiece; the quiet member gives the steadiness; the loving adds the friendship; the restless moves the group to action. No matter what the need, if applied, as oil paint to a canvas, a delightful whole can be created.

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE EVENING GROUPS

REMEMBER:

The Date—April 30th; May 1st; May 2nd, 1965

The Place—Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto

The Theme—"So Send I You!"

Theme Speaker—Rev. J. W. Voelkel, B.A., B.D., Assistant to the Minister Knox Presbyterian Church

Leader of Worship—Miss Nell Smith, Toronto

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Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

AN OPEN LETTER FROM MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

Dear Mrs. Newstead:—

Thank you for your letter and the news from Canada. I noticed you were intrigued by the folder inviting you to go on a trip to Formosa for the Centennial there. This of course stirs me to think of all that you could see right here on the Bhil field of central India!

Want to come on a trip? Climb into the jeep then, and off we'll go! It is February, the Amkhut jungle is ablaze with the flame of the forest, and the scarlet silk cotton flowers are beginning to burst out. Florence, Martha and I, have left Barwani and Balkhar haunts, and have come to join Mina in the Jobat-Amkhut area, to have classes for Christian women in scattered farming villages.

Leaving the Amkhut compound, we drive along the dry river bed, then take off between low hills for Mandhar. Tara bai, Florence's mother, is waiting for us at one point, and comes with us, as she has started a small school in Mandhar. Two miles further along the track, three youngsters wait for us, and sit excitedly in the bottom of the jeep in order to have a ride for half a mile! We leave the car and take off across country to the almost completed schoolroom where the small group of Christian women and some 20 Bhil children, some of whom are Christian, are waiting for us. Here is something of interest on the footpath though—teak leaves lying like a plate, and on it is a collection of salt, peppers, some grain, a lock of hair. "What does it mean, Tara bai?" I ask.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Tara bai tells us that a child in the vicinity must be crying unduly, and the worried mother must have come out at dusk yesterday and placed the leaves. The crying spirit would come with the hair and offerings, and would attach itself to some passer-by. I remembered seeing a similar offering elsewhere, but it had had some oil and four wicks in it—ah, that would be when a child had stomach pains, Tara bai explained to me! These things are so real out in the villages; the women must reach out to some power to help them, when they are helpless.

My three companions and I sit in the partially-roofed room — it cannot be used for the school yet as it has not been dedicated, so the children are still out under a tree. Mina has prepared for opening devotions, and it is so good to see the way she creates an atmosphere of worship. There is no message given—we participate in worship. Each woman, except one who is illiterate, has a large, new Hindi Bible with her (given at a subsidized price because of a gift from Toronto), and a small red hymnbook, which books were printed with the help of the W.M.S. (W.D.) Literature Committee. Florence then leads in Bible Study, and help is given to find the Book of Acts, so that we can study what the Holy Spirit did amongst that first Christian community. We have a good discussion afterwards — what about our community? What about that woman whose child has been crying? Surely we must find out who she is, and tell her about the One in whose presence evil spirits are as if they were not.

Now you must join in our games —the children come running from their class to see why their mothers are laughing so! On the first day, there was shyness to participate, but to-day everyone joins in the fun. Martha is getting out her things in readiness, as she is giving teaching through handwork. She has six simple symbolic drawings on the back of Christmas cards, for each woman. Each day one is coloured and a verse learned, and on the last day, these will all be joined to form a cross, which the women will fasten on to the walls of their homes. Martha has just joined our staff this year — after she graduated from Jhansi High School she went for two years to a Bible School in Allahabad, so has much to share with us.

Everyone present gives a hand in the last half hour, as each woman needs materials, help, etc. in order to weave a purse on cardboard. It is hard to break up, but 12 noon has come and we are due in another village at 12:30. Our young school friends carry all our stuff back to the car, and we go bumpety-bump along a jungle track cut out by a wood contractor for his truck. It really is so beautiful, the top of the car being brushed by bending bamboos, the brilliant velvet of the flame of the forest drawing our attention from the bumps and rocks, then, back of all, there is the quiet grandeur of the hills against the blue sky. Suddenly the car lurches out into an open field. We've arrived in Puniyawat, and there is Stefan's house straight ahead, where a good curried dish awaits us! Our hostess sits with us to eat, and is pleased to hear our comments. She has had something different and special made for us each day this week, either in a new kind of fried bread or in a spiced vegetable dish. Western food may be good, but it is definitely flat!

By 1:30 p.m. we are back in the jeep, as the women of Puniyawat will be awaiting us under a special tree. Not everyone has a Bible here, and there is more semi-literacy. We follow much the same programme and as this is a larger group, never less than 20, it is harder than ever to stop the weaving period at 4:30 p.m.

As you listen to our singing, watch the women with all their little ones pulling at them; you may wonder what they are experiencing. How real is the presence of Christ, to help them have an inner joy amidst the monotony of hard work on their stony fields? They garner grain for some six months' food, then they must search for day labour, or rely on jungle gathering for more food. There is some rise in the standard of living and in education, but it is a slow climb. Sad things and wrong things go on in their villages, and yet these are God's people, amidst a spirit-worshipping community. We were studying about the Holy Spirit—how could their hearts be more open for His work? Some had Bibles — were they reading them and finding answers to their problems? It seemed doubtful! Would they like a daily reading book which would help them in understanding, and in being faithful in their reading? Yes, some would definitely like these; so now we are seeking to provide, which is not easy. There is a great need for Christian writers in this country, to give clear teaching in simple Hindi.

Another day you must come back and climb to the hill-tops of Amkhut! There your imagination will run riot, because, hidden in the long grass, trees, bushes, there is the ruin of a huge stone wall and lying partially hidden over a big area are unusual baked bricks, a foot square. You will hear that hundreds of years ago, people lived here in pukka houses, instead of the bamboo and mud houses used to-day. Were they robber barons? Even today, gangs of Bhils will carry off all that a farmer possesses. They will dig a hole, line it with leaves, put a whole dressed goat in it, cover with leaves, then earth, and build a huge fire over it. At night, they will return to the spot, and there is the perfectly barbecued goat, without the need of pans or utensils of any kind.

If you are lucky, as we were, in the hill-top ramblings, you might find a clump of bamboo in bloom, and you will see that a cluster of husks is forming just like heads of wheat. You will be told how unusual this is. One group will say how a bamboo clump has to grow for forty years, then it produces this grain once, and dies. The grain can be ground like wheat and made into bread. Another group will say that when there is a famine of other grains, then Bhagwan, the Creator, causes the bamboo to give grain. Truly there is no end to the fascinating things that the Creator has laid out for us to see in His world! Now if we can all but see Him, and be made into the image He has for each one of us!

Do remember our friends here, Christian and non-Christian, that they may come to know the riches that can be their's in Christ Jesus.

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

MISS DIANA WADSWORTH, B.A., M.R.E., a member of the staff of the Helen MacDonald Memorial School on the Jhansi Field, India, is expected home on her first furlough in April of this year. Miss Wadsworth's parents' home is in the United States. Miss Wadsworth is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, Ontario. At the moment she is planning to study during her furlough at the University of Toronto.

MISS IRENE STRINGER will be returning to Canada in May for a short mid-term furlough.

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A JOINT SERVICE OF WITNESS ON BIBLE SOCIETY SUNDAY

May 2nd, 1965

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 1965, is Bible Society Sunday in Canada. On that day, it is hoped that the Clergy and Ministers of Canada will acquaint their people with the famine of Scriptures which has developed throughout the world. This is a new situation which has been caused by the population explosion, and the unbelievable increase in literacy.

In St. James Cathedral, Toronto, at 4.30 p.m. on Bible Society Sunday, May 2nd, a Service of Witness will be held, attended by representatives of all Protestant Churches. The Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. W. J. Gilling, will conduct the service, and the Sermon will be delivered by Principal George Johnston, of United Theological College, Montreal. The Service will demonstrate the role of the Bible Society as an agency of the Churches. Some months ago, Church Leaders from 48 countries, representing a wide variety of denominations and communions, met to consider the challenge that the Bible Society is facing today, and the ways in which the Churches can assist the Bible Society. From that Conference came this statement:

"As Churchmen, we confess that we have often failed to accept as we should the responsibility for the work of making the Bible available to all men, in a language and form that they can possess and understand. The very greatness of what the Bible Societies have accomplished has sometimes allowed us to forget that this is an essential part of our task. The time has come for all Churches to accept this responsibility with much more seriousness than they have yet shown." In many Communities Services similar to this one in the Cathedral in Toronto will be held, as there is a growing awareness of the need for the Churches to assist the Bible Society at this time.

In an address at the opening of the "Feed The Minds Campaign", in Great Britain recently, the Most Reverend Donald F. Coggan, Archbishop of York, spoke, in part, as follows — "A passion to read is sweeping like a forest fire through the nations. This represents an opportunity unparalleled in history, and a responsibility which we dare not shirk. There are millions of adults and children becoming literate. What will they read? Let me tell you the kind of literature which I want to see pouring into these countries in the next few years. I begin, of course, with the Bible, the Book which enshrines all that the Christian holds as being fundamental to his faith and life. This work of Scripture distribution is going on gloriously, and must be quickly trebled. That is basic. But it is not all. With the circulation of the Bible, there must be aids to understanding, and literature which conveys Christian insights on life in all its aspects. This is the great need of the day."

The Canadian Bible Society has been asked to assume an additional $200,000 toward the Five Million Dollars required in 1965, to provide the Scriptures which have been ordered from some 100 countries. It is hoped that Bible Society Sunday will vividly present the need for giving financial support to the Canadian Bible Society, so that Canada may assume its proper share of the cost of providing the Scriptures which are so urgently required.

(From the Quarterly News Letter of the Canadian Bible Society)

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Your Prayers are asked

— That the worship, prayer, and participation in the Annual Council Meeting will give to each National Missionary a new vision, and an even deeper concern for service in the very important task to which they have been called, here in Canada.

— For those of the National Staff who will not be present — that they will be with us in thought, and a prayer of re-dedication in accepting the very real challenge to extend Christ's Kingdom in every department of our work in this land today.

— For all Synodical representatives and other delegates, as they come together at the Council meeting, that they may have wisdom and understanding, and that all decisions made may be in accordance with God's will.

— For all across this Land who plan Summer programmes in local areas, Camps, or Training Centres, that all that is planned may be of value to those who will participate and help in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

— For the work of the Christian mission in India. Pray that those who are engaged in Evangelistic, Educational, and Medical work may feel the power of the Spirit in these days in India; that they may be used to extend the Gospel of peace and hope.

— For those who are preparing the programme for the Centenary celebrations in Formosa. Pray that the activities may be such that the beauty and power of the Christian message may be revealed through them.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

Perhaps, for this month, our Heading for this Department is a bit of a misnomer, because, some of the books I am going to mention you may not "like" at all! All of these books, however, are well worth reading, and learning how to talk about, because they are all definitely thought-arousing, and, in at least two cases, so provocative that you will find yourself involved in discussing them, and quite possibly disagreeing with the people who **are** discussing them, almost everywhere you go these days. And, of course, you cannot do that intelligently unless you have read them yourself, and formed a few sound opinions of your own! In any event, I am not going to "review" these controversial books — I'm just going to tell you about them, and let you know that they **are** available through our Publications Department.

THE COMFORTABLE PEW, by Pierre Berton

"The Comfortable Pew," by the well-known Pierre Berton, is, of course, the first of these, since from the day of its publication — and, indeed, from the moment that the word got around that Pierre Berton had been requested, by the Department of Religious Education of the Anglican Church of Canada, to prepare such a book for them — such a furore was created that now this book is first on the list of "Best Sellers"! And there is good reason why this should be so. This book is just what it professes to be — "a critical look at the Church in the New Age" — and some of those criticisms hit the mark so well that they really hurt. It may just be possible, nevertheless, that some of this hurt is justified and needed, and may lead to a genuine stock-taking and thinking-through, which may prove both healing and cleansing. It is always a wholesome experience, though seldom a pleasant one, to be jolted into a sharp realization of what people are really thinking of us, and our motives — and of how very different these frank and critical appraisals of us, and our characteristics, turn out to be from the various viewpoints we have on ourselves and our doings! This book is well worth reading — just because it does make one deeply think — and that is always a worth-while experience. Paper-bound — Price $2.50.

WHY THE SEA IS BOILING HOT

Now, another somewhat similar book, "Why The Sea Is Boiling Hot", has just been published by the United Church of Canada, and their own description of it is, **"A Symposium On The Church and The World".** It was prepared at the direction of the Evangelism Resource Committee, Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada. Each of the first six Chapters has been written by a well-known journalist, whose contributions appear in the press regularly — Articles and Columns in newspapers and magazines, authors of books; some on Radio and T.V., and whose names are familiar to Canadian readers — Pierre Berton; Michael Barkway; Arnold Edinburgh; June Callwood; Joan Hollobon; and Eric Nicol. Their contributions to the book have been used just as they were written, without editing of any sort, and the writers were chosen without any consideration of Church relationship or belief. They all have something to say, and have said it well. These are their own opinions, observations, and conclusions, about the Church and its work, and, because they are honestly and sincerely said, they are worth reading and thinking about. Titles of these Chapters are — "Out of This World; A Commentary on The Organized Church; Is The Church Big Business?; The Minister and the 20th Century; the 'In-Groups' and The Rest; Digging the Limbo; Christianity Under The Trappings". The four Chapters following these contain comments from within the Church, and were written by the Editorial Committee. Paper-bound, the Price of this 67-page Booklet is $1.00.

TURNING TO GOD by Professor William Barclay

It is really a relief and joy to turn to such a book as this, which, while it, too, is meant to be studied, and absorbed into one's reasons for belief, discusses the one fact of "Conversion", as actually "a turning to God"; and the Author thinks about it both from the point of view of the new believer, and of the Church, which is now "his Church". Professor Barclay has made an outstanding reputation through his well-known commentaries on the Books of the New Testament. This book deals particularly with "Conversion", as it is described in the "Book of Acts", and it is written with all his interpretive skill and scholarship, but in the plain and understandable language which the ordinary reader can readily assimilate and comprehend. That there is a lack in many of the so-called "conversions" we hear about, Professor Barclay admits, but he also explains what a real "conversion" is, and what is to be expected when this is a genuine turning to God. Price—$2.25.

ABOVE OURSELVES by James H. Jauncey

This is a well-written book which helps the reader to think wisely and well, and so achieve that happiness which is based on sound spiritual truth and well-proven psychological findings. In its 12 Chapters we read and think about "War On Human Unhappiness; Religion For Living; Zest Instead of Insipidity; Keeping the Magic In Marriage; How to Live With Children; Reaching The Teen-Agers; Power to Persuade; The Nervous Breakdown — Causes and Characteristics; The Secret of the Satisfied Personality; Breaking The Chains; Eloquent In Speech; Age Without Weariness". Dr. Jauncy is at present the Minister of a large Church in El Paso, Texas, and he is very well known as an Author and Lecturer. Price — $3.25.

PLEASE GIVE ANOTHER DEVOTION by Amy Bolding

An interesting book to read, this would be even more interesting and useful to use in preparing Devotional Periods for a Meeting of almost any type of Women's Organization. Each of the twenty-five Chapters is a complete short Devotional Talk, which can be used as it is, or used as the key to a Devotional, using the inspiring thoughts engendered as one goes along. The Author is the wife of a Minister in a busy City Church, and has learned from long experience how helpful such material can be, and what a need there is for good source material. Each Devotion is based on a verse of Scripture, which heads the Meditation. Price — $2.25.

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FROM "AURORA LEIGH"

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Women know
The way to rear up children (to be just),
They know a simple, merry, tender knack
Of tying sashes, fitting baby shoes
And stringing pretty words that make no sense,
And kissing full sense into empty words;
Which things are corals to cut life upon,
Although such trifles; children learn by such,
Love's holy earnest in a pretty play,
And get not over-early solemnized,
But seeing, as in a rose-bush, Love's Divine,
Which burns and hurts not — not a single bloom —
Become aware and unafraid of Love.
Such good do mothers.

(So, a poem written over 100 years ago says something the child psychologists are stressing today.—Ed.) (Selected.)

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CAMPING

by MARION MOORE

CAMP IONA! To many teen-age girls these words bring a flood of memories of days spent pioneer camping at this Church Camp in the Muskoka Lake District of Ontario. Won't you come with me?

Immediately upon our arrival at the main lodge, we will be sent to our unit site. Each unit will consist of eight teen-age girls, and two adult leaders. At our unit campsite there are two "tent homes", and an "outdoor kitchen." Each tent can accommodate four campers and one leader. The outdoor kitchen is equipped with log tables lashed between trees, with rocks or logs for seats, and outdoor fireplace; a cupboard, well-stocked with essential cooking supplies and utensils, and two larders. One larder is a metal garbage tin placed deep in the ground, and the other is another large tin hanging from a tree, to keep certain foodstuffs out of the reach of the raccoons. There are no modern refrigerators in the unit, but you will soon discover that foods like milk, juice, and jello, can be kept cold in the buried larder. A tarpaulin, fastened to trees, protects the fireplace, and it is possible to cook a good meal even in the rain. This will be our home for the next ten days. Across the lake is the Service Centre, where we will go for our supplies and mail.

All of us will share in the planning of our meals, using a special Menu Book. Sometimes it is difficult to estimate just how long a certain dish will take to cook over the open fire, but when you have tasted our fried chicken, fruit dumplings, or gingerbread, you will realize that it is worth waiting for! Washing dishes and keeping ourselves clean will only be a problem when the fire refuses to burn, because we forgot to cover the wood-pile during the last rainfall, and the water just won't boil!

Night time in the tent provides special experiences. At first you may feel strange, crawling into a sleeping bag on the floor of the tent, while the sounds of the night seem so very close — the hooting of an owl, the rustle in the grass as a jack rabbit hustles by. But you will soon discover that not only are you warm and snug in your tent, but soon fast asleep. Some of the conversations shared by the five in the tent before dropping off to sleep are often the most valuable experiences at Camp.

Not very far away from our Camp home there are other units similar to ours. Sometime next week we will share a campfire with these units, perhaps invite one of them for supper.

Swimming is a part of the fun, and if you have not tried to paddle a canoe before Camp, with practice you may become an expert before you leave. Some time during our ten days, we will have an overnight canoe trip during which we will paddle four miles down the river, portaging twice on the way, sleep overnight under the stars, and return weary, but full of plans for the next trip next year. An overnight trip, such as this, is possible only with the working together of each one of us. But this is true of the whole of our life together in our unit — Christian young people and adults living together as Christians.

There will be opportunities for hikes along the roads, or over one of the many trails through the bush. Perhaps one morning we may rise before the sun is up, and hike to a high vantage point to watch the sun rise over the lake. The next morning we may sleep late to make up for that lost sleep. It is up to us — eight campers and two leaders — to plan our days together, always being mindful of one another, and of the other units.

There will be times for just relaxing, for chatting, reading, or for examining the natural life of our own unit Campsite. As we live together in a small group of people for ten days, we will come to know one another as members of the "family" and not as mere Camp acquaintances. Bible study becomes very personal, as we share insights, questions and possible answers, not just during that hour set aside for study and worship, but all through the day.

Time goes quickly at Camp, and all too soon it will be time to leave. The site that seemed new and somewhat strange only ten days ago now is so familiar. We will take with us not only memories of exciting canoe trips, campfires, burnt toast and delicious chicken, hot cookfires and cooling swims, but also the knowledge and experience of living together as Christians, sharing in Christian fellowship, and the desire to return next year.

(*Miss Moore, a Presbytery Deaconess, writes from her experiences as a leader at camp Iona for the past two years.)*

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FOR THIS IS MAY!

"Apple blossoms will snow down through the orchard this month. Buttercups will nod a response to winds that have lost their chill. Behind the barn, the old cherry tree will be cloud-white and lovely for a few short days, and in the meadow tiny new rabbits will lie softly in shallow nests. For this is May, when all the world grows green and gentle.

May's birthstone is the emerald. Its flower is the lily of the valley."

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

"SOMETHING IN EVERY MOTHER!"

ONE OF THE GREAT, and most famous, statues in the United States is the very impressive one which depicts "The Pioneer Woman", and which stands near Ponca City, Oklahoma. Thirty-five feet high, it is the figure of a Mother, with one hand holding a Bible, and the other guiding a little lad at her side. On her face is a look of determination, with her eyes looking far into the future and the way ahead, in the shining light of faith.

Life was always difficult for the pioneer woman, wherever she might be, but always her heart was strengthened with the firm foundations of love, hope, and faith, both in the future, and in her God. The Bible in the hand of this carven "Pioneer Mother" is a symbol of her firm belief and love of God; the small boy, held close to her side, symbolizes and reveals her protection and love for her family. It is a beautiful and significant portrayal of the ideal Mother, — who is, in reality *every* Mother — who cherishes her children and her home, and who seeks to serve the God she venerates, and in Whose care and guidance she puts her trust and faith.

There is something in every Mother which claims kinship with heaven. God and Mother work very close together. Someone has well written — "the exquisite and incomparable beauty of Motherhood is just a little less than divine." The glory of Mothers lies in their self-sacrificing love, their wonderful gentleness, their untiring devotions. The awakened memories of these Christ-like traits have, through the ages, been used of God to save countless lives from ruin; indeed they have softened the heart of many a hardened sinner, and started him anew on the road to heaven.

True Mothers are God's greatest messengers. How wonderfully He uses them! Through the touching appeal of Mother's love, Mother's words, and Mother's trust, how often God brings back the wanderer to the simple, comforting faith of childhood days; turns the sinful youth into true and manly character; clothes with renewed purity those who once walked in shame, and puts once more within them the spirit of faith, hope, and love. Yes, the greatest human influence God uses in helping forward the kingdom of righteousness on earth, is godly Mothers. Blessed are they who enjoy its benedictions! *(Author Unknown. From The Editor's Treasure Box — Mother's Day — Sunday, May 9, 1965)*

Boys and Girls!

GRETA'S MOTHER WAS DIFFERENT!

(Adapted from a story by GLADYS DARNELL)

GRETA KICKED IMPATIENTLY at the stone that lay in her pathway. Why did her mother have to be so different from all the other girls' mothers? Barbara Jean's mother always looked so nice—she had her hair done every week at the Beauty Salon in town; she wore smart clothes, and looked as though she were someone really important. And Janet's mother—she was leader of the Women's Groups. She made speeches, and had teas at her home. Everyone said how valuable she was to the community.

Greta realized, of course, that mother had to work very hard to make ends meet, particularly now that her father was sick. Her three younger brothers were always hungry, their clothes needed such a lot of patching—but if only she were able to talk like the other girls' mothers, it wouldn't be so bad.

The Stefans had left their native Hungary only a year before, and had come to settle in a Saskatchewan town where Ivor Stefan had hoped to get work as a mechanic. The children had immediately gone to school, and joined the Church. Soon they began to talk English as fluently as though they had lived in Canada all their lives, but the older folk found it more difficult, and still spoke "broken English." Greta didn't worry about this around their own home, but now they were planning a Mother and Daughter Banquet at Church. Miss Dean had said: "Of course, Greta, you'll bring your mother." That was why Greta was feeling so miserable as she returned home from Sunday School.

It was to be a very important occasion. The Minister and his wife had been invited. There was to be a Guest Speaker, and a very well-known Pianist was coming from the City to play for them. All the girls were excited and Greta had been too, until she thought about her mother. Perhaps she won't want to go, she told herself hopefully as she turned in at the gate. Even before she entered the kitchen door, Greta knew her mother had been baking again, for the spicy aroma of freshly-baked buns filled the air.

"Mamma," Greta said, as she

helped set the table for supper, "we're having a Mother and Daughter banquet at the Church next Friday, and Miss Dean would like you to come. Would you want to, it's a sort of dress-up affair?"

Mrs. Stefan hesitated for a moment. "Why yes," she said, slipping into her native tongue, "I would like to meet your teacher and your friends."

Greta's heart sank but she tried to look cheerful. "You'll look your best, Mamma?" she asked anxiously. "Yes," nodded Mrs. Stefan, "I will."

All that week at school the girls talked of nothing but the banquet. "Mother has a new dress," announced Susan Murray. "It's black with gold sequins around the neck!" Greta's spirits sank lower as she thought of her mother's old blue silk. She began to dread the banquet.

Finally, Friday arrived and Greta rushed home from school. She found her mother all ready to leave for the Church. The old blue silk had been carefully pressed, and a new white collar and cuffs had been added. Mrs. Stefan's hair had been brushed until it shone, but it seemed so straight, as Greta pictured Barbara Jean's mother with her attractive hair-do.

When they entered the Church Hall, Miss Dean came forward and greeted them warmly. Greta then found a place down at the end table so that they wouldn't be so noticeable. Everything went along beautifully until after the dinner. Then Miss Dean was called to the telephone and she came back looking worried. The girls began whispering. The word got around — the Pianist whom Miss Dean was counting on to entertain, had become ill suddenly and wouldn't be present.

"What is the matter?" Mrs. Stefan asked, not understanding.

"It is the Pianist, Mamma," replied Greta. "She can't come!"

Mrs. Stefan arose, hesitated a moment, and then went towards Miss Dean. "Perhaps," she said quietly. "I could help?" All eyes were on the tiny worn figure. Greta blushed in shame and indignation. Why did her mother want everyone to see her?

Miss Dean looked a little surprised. "Would you play?" she asked.

"I try," nodded Mrs. Stefan. "It's a long time, but I don't forget."

With that she sat down at the piano. The work-worn fingers fondled the keys for a moment, as though not quite sure what kind of music they would send forth. The first few notes seemed to hesitate before they left the piano, but then the fingers began to move faster and a haunting melody filled the Church Hall. The listeners could almost hear the violins singing in the background — then the tempo became faster — the keys were dancing now! The years of care had slipped from Mrs. Stefan's face

—it was vivid and alive. She was back at the Spring Carnival on the banks of the Danube in Budapest—young and happy and carefree.

"Greta," Barbara Jean whispered, "your mother's face — it is beautiful!"

Greta sat up proudly in her chair. Her mother WAS beautiful. Finally the music came to an end and Mrs. Stefan tried to slip back to her chair, but everyone was applauding and shaking her hand.

"Mamma," whispered Greta on the way home, "you were wonderful! I'm so glad you're different from the other girls' mothers. They're all so much alike. You're different!"

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"MOTHER'S HERE!"

by Leeta McCully Cherry

I love to run about, and play
And romp with friends across the way;
I like to fly my kite, and run,
And marbles, too, are lots of fun;
But once in every little while,
I want to see my Mother's smile;
I poke my head inside our hall,
And Mother answers to my call —
"Yes, dear!
Mother's here!"

And when I've been at school all day
It seems I never want to play,
Until I've seen my Mother's eyes
A-shine with love, so kind and wise,
And so I rush in through the door
And toss my schoolbag on the floor
"Mother!" I call out anxiously,
And sweet her answer comes to me
"Yes dear!
Mother's here!"

Sometimes she's sitting darning socks
And humming softly as she rocks;
Sometimes she's busy making pies,
Or cookie men with raisin eyes;
But always she has time for me
And hugs me close against her knee,
Oh, all the world seems warm and fine
When Mother heeds this call of mine!
"Yes, dear!
Mother's here!"

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of British Columbia Synodical was held in St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* when Mrs. Calvin Chambers gave the Opening Devotions, and President, Mrs. Ivan Le Huguet presided at all Sessions. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, was the afternoon Guest Speaker, and gave an inspiring Address on the theme "All Labourers Together." Miss Reith also took part in the Discussion Period, following the reading of the mimeographed Reports, which were spoken to by a series of Panels — Organization; Good Tidings; and Service.

At the Evening Session the Rev. Dr. M. S. Blackburn, Minister of St. Aidens Presbyterian Church, gave the Devotions, and the C.G.I.T. Group of the Church sang two selections. An interesting Panel Presentation was chaired by Miss Ruth Yeandle, of *Vancouver,* and those participating were Miss Tam Nakamura; Mrs. Clarence Wood; Miss Louise Reith; Miss Ellen Douglas; Miss Lily Simpson, and Miss Winnifred Ripley. The Panel Theme was "What of Missions—Yesterday, To-day, and To-morrow?" On the following morning, three Film Strips were shown—"Go, That We May Know;" "Meet Doreen;" and "W.M.S. Work in Nigeria". Mrs. Ivan Le Huguet was re-elected to the Presidency, and the 1965 Officers were installed by the Moderator, the Rev. A. R. Henderson, B.A.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the Kirk Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, with the Theme, "The Advancement of the Kingdom of God, At Home and Abroad." President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean presided, and Special Guest Speakers were Miss Tamiko Nakamura, and Miss Elsie Taylor of Nigeria.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Chinese Presbyterian

Church, *Victoria,* celebrated their 25th Anniversary with three Charter Members still active in the Group — Miss Grace Lee; Mrs. Eileen Chan; Mrs. Leah Chan. Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee, workers for nearly 35 years in the Chinese congregation, told of the history and interesting events during their 25 years association with this Group. President, Mrs. Edward Chan, presided; greetings from Presbyterial were brought by President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean; Dr. David Chan, the present Minister, and the Rev. M. F. Leung, gave messages of best wishes and congratulations.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Theme of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was "Making A Way In The Wilderness," (Isaiah 43:19), chosen by Programme Convener, Mrs. W. H. Henry. The Rev. Robert L. Taylor, B.A., D.D., of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat,* was Guest Speaker, and the Rev. K. C. Doka, B.A., Presbytery Moderator, and Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* conducted the Installation of Officers for 1965. Mrs. H. E. Magnuson, was re-elected for a third term as President. Out-of-town delegates were Mrs. Eph. Schelske, Mrs. William Sinclair, Mrs. E. M. Gilbert and Mrs. Blanche Thompson of *Bassano;* Mrs. T. H. Pickett, *Gem;* and Mrs. Steve Peyto, of *Banff.*

Mrs. Murdo Nicolson was Guest Speaker at a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* and told of life and conditions in *Peru,* where she and her husband had served as missionaries under the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The Bell Ringers gave several musical selections, and also accompanied the group singing. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. J. H. Crowe, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, and "Two minutes of Silence" was observed in memory of the late Mrs. J. A. (Elizabeth) Clark, and the late Mrs. William (Sadie) McLaws.

The Annual Meeting of Alberta Synodical was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* with members and delegates gathered together from *Northern Peace River* to the Southern points — *Lethbridge, Medicine Hat,* and *McLeod.* Also present were Miss Emily Drysdale, Deaconess, *Red Deer* Presbyterial; Miss Shirley Smart, Deaconess, *Calgary* Presbyterial; and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta* Synod. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker and, using the Theme of the Meeting "What Doth God Require Of You," gave a helpful and thought-arousing address on "What is Required of Us, as Women, Through The Church."

President, Mrs. G. O. Milson, presided at all Sessions. Opening Devotions each morning were conducted by the Rev. K. C. Doka, B.A., Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, who also brought greetings from the Church and Alberta Presbytery. The Moderator, the Rev. H. W. Rose, B.Ed., brought greetings from Synod, and the Rev. R. L. Taylor, B.A., D.D. of *Medicine Hat,* spoke on Ewart College, *Toronto.* Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., on Furlough from *Nigeria* showed interesting pictures and told of her work in the Hospital at *Uburu, Nigeria.* Prior to her work in *Nigeria,* Miss Taylor spent nine years in missionary work in *Africa.* Eighty delegates were in attendance, and Secretarial Reports showed encouraging progress in all Presbyterials. The Rev. H. W. Rose, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Bassano,* conducted the Installation of the 1965 Executive, when Mrs. G. O. Milson was re-elected to the Presidency.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Dr. E. J. White, gave an inspiring Address at the first 1965 Meeting of the afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* and also conducted the 1965 Installation Service. Mrs. R. B. McDonald is President of this Group, and Mrs. E. J. White is Honorary President. Life Membership Certificates were presented to Mrs. R. B. McDonald, and Mrs. R. Phillips.

When the Evening W.M.S. Group of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, held an Open Meeting in the Sanctuary, Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg.N., on her first furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker. Miss Molly O. Harback introduced the Speaker, and members and guests were welcomed by President, Mrs. J. R. Findlay. The Scripture Lesson and Prayer were given by Mrs. I. P. MacSween, and Miss Jessie Birrell was Chairman. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. W. H. McHargue by Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. E. O. Scott, in appreciation of her devoted service in many fields of W.M.S. work, and the Pin was presented by Mrs. McHargue's daughter, Rosemarie McHargue, on behalf of her daughters, and the ladies of Eastminster's Guild. Mrs. McHargue is a charter member of the Strathcona Group, but is now a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.*

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., on furlough from her work in *Uburu, Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Innisfail.* Showing slides of the people and the country, Miss Taylor gave a graphic picture of W.M.S. work there, and the needs and opportunities. Secretarial Reports all showed a busy and successful year, and the objective for 1965, showing an increase of $1,195, was accepted. Mrs. W. Gibson, of *Innisfail* presented "Highlights of W.M.S., 1964," and Mrs. Warren Mabb conducted the Devotional Period. The Rev. James Murdock, of Willowdale Presbyterian Church, installed the 1965 Officers, with Mrs. E. B. Day re-elected as President. The Rev. Basil Hartley, of *Innisfail* conducted the Closing Devotions. Dinner was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Innisfail,* and Afternoon Tea was provided by the *Willowdale* ladies.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Melfort,* with President, Mrs. F. J. Sinkiewicz in the chair. The Theme, "The Second Mile," was used by Presbytery Deaconess, Miss Hilda Blackwell, in the Opening Devotions. Encouraging Reports from all Departments included the challenging report of Children's Work, by Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Johnston; and a two-year comparison of Girls' Organizations, given by Secretary Mrs. S. J. Sharkey, in which she spoke of the C.G.I.T. 50th Anniversary Project to raise $50,000 for the establishment of a Christian Education Centre in *Indonesia.* Miss Merle McGowan, Guest Speaker, gave an interesting illustrated Address on W.M.S. work in *British Guiana.* At the Dinner, served by the *Melfort* ladies, the Rev. John Whiteway, *Carragana,* brought Presbytery greetings, and the Rev. S. J. Sharkey, of *Tisdale* spoke on Ewart College. Fifty delegates and visitors were present, and the 1965 Executive, with Mrs. N. Clark, of *Melfort,* the new President, was installed by the Rev. A. A. Bethune, of *Melfort.*

The Elena McKay and the St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Tisdale,* held a joint meeting to hear Miss Merle McGowan, home on furlough after three years of W.M.S. work in *British Guiana.* Mrs. Wes. McEwen, President of Elena McKay W.M.S. Auxiliary, gave the Devotional Period, and Miss Hilda Blackwell introduced the Speaker, who was thanked by Mrs. C. Hanneson. Following the informative address, a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. F. M. Glazier, in appreciation of her loyal service to the W.M.S. The Closing Prayer was given by Mrs. L. Cresswell. After school, the young people, and the Church School children came to see an interesting film on *British Guiana,* which was explained by Miss McGowan.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — With the help of St. Stephen's C.G.I.T., and the C.G.I.T. Groups of First Presbyterian Church, the Executive of Regina Presbyterial was in charge of a Monday Worship Service in First Presbyterial Church, *Regina,* at which Miss Merle McGowan, of *British Guiana* was Guest Speaker. On the previous day, Miss McGowan, under the auspices of the Executive, spoke at Services in *Weyburn,* and *Estevan.* Executive members took part in the Service, and the C.G.I.T. girls were responsible for ushering, and for the reception and dedication of the Offering. The Misses J. McPherson and W. Meyer, former C.G.I.T. members, sang a duet. Miss McGowan, whose home is in *Saskatchewan,* showed slides of her work with children, and the Student Deaconesses, and gave a graphic description of the country, its people, and her work for the past three years in *British Guiana.* An animated Question-and-Answer Period followed her Address. At the close of the Service, a Reception was held, under the auspices of the Social Convener, Mrs. C. McIntyre, when the opportunity to meet and chat with Miss McGowan was much appreciated and enjoyed.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — At the Initiation and Red Star Ceremonies of the Explorers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, special guests were the Explorer's Mothers, W.M.S. members, the Rev. R. A. Davidson, the Minister of the Church, and Deaconess, Miss Evelyn Murdoch. The Initiation Ceremony was written especially by the Counsellors, so that the Explorers, could themselves explain to their guests, and review for each other, "What It Means To Be An Explorer."

Sheila Walton, using a large model, gave a descriptive talk about "The Explorer Emblem." Linda and Jean Van Duyvendyk took each phrase of "The Explorer Purpose" (printed on poster paper); posted it on the Bulletin Board, and recited Scripture to explain, or prove, the phrase. Marcia Porteous discussed "The Explorer Hymn," and sang the first verse; Cathy Carey explained the meaning of "The Explorer Picture," pointing out the many Ethnic Groups represented, and that all were holding hands with each other. Margaret Bremner, in her subject, "All Explorers Pray," told the purpose of prayer, and, specifically, "The Explorers' Prayer." Harry Van Duyvendyk, recited "The Explorer Motto," stressing that everyone should read the Bible, and give thought and action to its directives. Eddie Van Shellen proudly told that the Explorers have their own Mission Project, describing *Tyndall House,* and the work being done there.

Each Explorer then received an Explorer Pin, and with Pins tightly clasped in folded hands, together joined in The Explorers' Prayer. The first Red Stars were then awarded, and the Minister spoke to the Group of their past accomplishments and future goals, before closing the meeting with prayer. Tea, cookies, and fellowship, were all enjoyed. Counsellors for this active Group are Mrs. M. Sasveld, and Miss Joan Coulter.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Women of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa,* held a joint meeting to hear Miss Merle McGowan, on furlough from her work in *British Guiana,* tell of the people of *British Guiana,* and of the work of the W.M.S. and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in that land. Excellent slides were shown, which created much interest. Following the Worship Service, members of the C.G.I.T. sang three Negro Spirituals, and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. G. McDougall, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* when delegates from *Port Arthur, Fort William,* and *Geraldton,* attended, but *Atikokan* delegates were unable to attend because of bad weather. "Stand Fast in Faith" was the Theme, and Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Nelson, of *Geraldton,* and Mrs. H. J. Loney, of *Fort William.* The Regional Secretary, Miss Dorothy Keller reviewed Secretarial Reports. The "C.O.C." took part in the Programme, directed by their Leader, Mrs. R. Graham. Mrs. C. W. Cook, Literature Secretary, in her excellent Report, spoke of new books available from the Publication Department. Mrs. J. Clarke Hood, *Port Arthur,* closed the Afternoon Session with prayer. Supper was served by the First Presbyterian Church members, when the Minister the Rev. D. J. Firth said Grace, and Mrs. R. Graham welcomed guests. Mrs. W. J. Stirret replied, and invited the Presbyterial to hold the 1966 Annual Meeting in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur.*

Greetings were brought from the Rev. D. J. Firth, Moderator of Synod, and Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* the Rev. R. Witt, Minister of Oliver Road, and Calvin Presbyterian Churches, *Port Arthur;* and President Mrs. H. J. Loney, of Manitoba Synodical. Mrs. J. Clarke Hood, in the absence of her husband, brought greetings from First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur.* The C.G.I.T. Group of the Church, led by Mrs. W. Murray and Mrs. H. Carter gave a skit on "Fifty Years of C.G.I.T. History". The Evening Service opened with Worship by the Rev. D. J. Firth, and the introduction of Guest Speaker, the Rev. R. Witt, who spoke on "Stand Fast In Faith", and told of his work in the *Flin Flon* area. Mrs. H. J. Loney installed the 1965 Executive. Pianists were Mrs. H. F. Johnstone and Mrs. B. Kennedy. Flowers were placed in the Meeting by Mrs. R. Hillier, in memory of her Mother, the late Mrs. Lysnes.

Many former Leaders and members attended the Reunion Tea, held in Grant Hall, by the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* in conjunction with the Fiftieth Anniversary of C.G.I.T. in Canada. This was the first C.G.I.T. Group at the *Lakehead,* organized from Miss Jessie McPherson's Sunday School Class, and closely followed by the organization of seven other Groups. At the end of that year, these eight Groups became a C.G.I.T. Department, with Mrs. Blain, as Superintendent. The whole organization of C.G.I.T. at the *Lakehead* was closely linked with St. Andrew's Church Groups. Pictures and articles about C.G.I.T. activities, as well as letters from former members, created real interest, especially the letter from Miss McPherson, now of *Thorold,* Ont. Posters showing the *Indonesian* Camp Project Site, which is the Anniversary Project for Canada's C.G.I.T. Groups, were also shown.

President, Miss Patricia Cameron, and Superintendent Miss Betty Sutherland, received the guests, and those pouring tea were former Superintendent, Mrs. Jarvis Patterson, Sr., and former Presidents, Mrs. George Murie, and Miss Bea Deachman. Tea Assistants were Miss Ellen Sutherland, Mrs. A. MacAuley, Mrs. J. MacPhail, Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. W. MacKay, Mrs. G. Fleming, Mrs. W. Davidson, Mrs. A. Cameron, and Mrs. C. MacLeod. Miss Maureen Love was Pianist. Leaders in charge were Mrs. Harry Kirk, and the Misses Jessie MacAuley and Betty Sutherland.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Bradley, *Winnipeg,* for an enjoyable Supper Meeting, with 19 members present. Three Life Membership Certificates were presented — one to Mrs. A. McJannet, and, for the first time in the history of this Auxiliary, a dual Presentation was made of a Life Membership to Mrs. J. Sinclair and a Junior Life Membership to her daughter, Miss Anne Sinclair. Mrs. A. M. McKay installed the Officers for 1965.

The Annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Selkirk* when Mrs. D. H. Ross, Past Manitoba Synodical President, presided in the absence of President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon. Mrs. A. F. MacSween, First Vice-President, chaired the Evening Session. Delegates were welcomed by the Rev. Ivan Carroll, Minister of Knox Church, who also led the Worship Service. General progress was shown in the Secretarial Reports, which were discussed in Groups led by Mrs. G. G. Myers, Mrs. D. W. McRae, and

Mrs. A. Tod, and the need for more leaders for the Children's and the Young Women's Departments was noted.

Following the Afternoon Service of Remembrance, the Bible Study of "Mary and Martha" was shared by the delegates, under the leadership of the Rev. I. Carroll, Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, and Miss Iris Ford, Inner City Worker. This brought forth a lively discussion on the place of women in the Church, and whether all Church women should work under one Organization.

Turkey Dinner was served by the Knox Church members, after which Miss Dorothy McCombie spoke on her work in the Inner City, and also the work she and Miss Iris Ford are carrying on from their own home. Mrs. G. W. Bradley told of her work as Hospital Visitor. The Evening Service of Worship was led by members of the Hildur Hermonson W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* and Mr. Anderson of Knox Church Choir was Soloist. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., of *Toronto,* Executive Director of National Missions, was Guest Speaker and gave a comprehensive picture of the fine Christian work being done throughout Canada by workers under the National Department of the W.M.S. The Installation of Officers was conducted by Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, of *Winnipeg,* with Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon re-elected to the Presidency for 1965.

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HAMILTON PRESTYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* held a Fiftieth Anniversary Tea, recently, with President, Miss Norma MacLeod, in the Chair. Guest Speakers were, Miss Betty Armour, member of the Executive of Camp Council, and Mrs. W. Kennedy, representing the C.G.I.T. Board. An interesting talk on *Indonesia* was given by Miss Karen Rheinlander. Mrs. N. MacDonald, and Mrs. R. G. Truscott, on behalf of the Group, presented Life Membership Certificates and Pins to the two Leaders of this C.G.I.T. Group—Mrs. Susan Inkster and Mrs. K. Abbott. A contribution of $22.00 was a gift for the Special C.G.I.T. Fiftieth Anniversary Project for *Indonesia.*

At a recent meeting of the Laurel Mission Circle of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. C. Mackintosh, a faithful member, and worker in this Group for many years.

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Orvilla McGregor W.M.S.

Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa,* celebrated a 25th Anniversary by having as their Special Guests the Boys' Choir from the Ontario Training School in *Bowmanville,* and the Junior Choir of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa.* The boys enjoyed the delicious hot dinner served by members of the Auxiliary, and afterwards the two Choirs sang several numbers during the Evening Service. As a Special Anniversary Project, this Auxiliary plans to provide equipment for a Medical Mobile Unit, to be used in the *Bhil Field, India.*

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Glenview Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* at their first meeting of the New Year, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. L. B. Beath, *Toronto.* Mrs. A. W. Pae, a Past President of Council Executive, made the Presentation, on behalf of the Auxiliary whose President Mrs. Beath has been for the past three years, and in tribute to her long service as Secretary of Council Executive, as well as to her Church throughout the years.

Thirty-five Senior Citizens of "Bendale Acres" were Special Guests at a Valentine Tea given for them by the ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough.* The Rev. W. Wallace, S.T.M., led the Worship Service and the Hymn Singing, and one visiting gentleman, aged 91 years, gave a piano solo. Tea was served, with a special Valentine Cake.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Programme, "The Light of The World" was presented by the Dorothy Douglas W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* and this was arranged by Mrs. V. Taylor, L.L.C.M. Guest Soloists were Miss M. Haggarty, A.R.C.T., and Miss Darlene Collison; Organ and piano duets were contributed by Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. W. C. McBride, A.C.R.T.; others taking part were Mrs. M. E. Kerr; Mrs. D. F. Tilly; Mrs. W. H. Edgar; Mrs. D. W. Stewart; and Mrs. A. Dinwoodie.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — A successful "Burns Night" Celebration was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Campbellford,* sponsored by the afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church. The Rev. F. B. Reid, of *Ottawa,* was Guest Speaker, and the Rev. Mr. Dodds, of *Stirling,* gave the address to "The Immortal Memory." Scottish Ballads were featured by the Guest Soloist, Leslie Mackay, well-known CBC Soloist. President, Mrs. Ward Ellis, welcomed the guests, and the Rev. E. Toombs was master of Ceremonies. Scottish specialties — Haggis, scones, and shortbread — were important features of the Menu.

At the Annual Meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Peterborough,* President, Mrs. W. H. T.

Fulton, presided, and Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, spoke on "Can The Church Die?" Greetings were received from Toronto and Kingston Synodical. It was announced that two girls from St. Andrew's Church, *Cobourg,* will be attending Camp this summer, and that the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in *Centreville,* in May. The "Memorial Service" was conducted by Mrs. Harold Tate. Others participating in the Programme were the Rev. A. M. Duncan; Mrs. A. Calder; Mrs. J. Spencely; Mrs. D. T. Diplock; Mrs. W. A. Hinds; and Mrs. J. D. C. Jack. Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton is President for 1965.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Palmerston,* with President, Mrs. J. Perkins presiding. Reports were received and adopted, and Treasurer, Mrs. D. McIsaac, called for a more dedicated effort in giving "to meet the needs." Guest Speaker, Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, stressed the question, "Can It Be That We Have Lost A Bit Of Our Vision?" and this was followed by a Discussion Period on "Stewardship versus Allocations." Presbytery greetings were conveyed by the Rev. A. Pickering of *Mount Forest,* and Miss Powrie conducted the Installation of 1965 Officers.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Swinton Park* Presbyterian Church presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Wallace McCormack, who is now leaving to reside in *Durham.* Mrs. McCormack is a Past President of this Auxiliary, and has also served as Secretary, and Explorer Leader. Mrs. John Wilson, another valued member, who is now moving to *Waterloo,* was also presented with a Life Membership Certificate, in appreciation of her loyal service as President, and Explorer Leader.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At their Christmas Meeting, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maple,* presented Life Membership Certificates to Mrs. Earle Magee, Sr., and to Mrs. Eric Brice. The presentations were made by Mrs. R. Robson and Mrs. J. McDonald.

The Annual Meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial was held in Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* with the Theme "Make Straight In the Desert A Highway For Our God," and President Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A. presiding. The Rev. M. Fesenko, Minister of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the afternoon Session, and at the Evening Session Mrs. M. R. Gellatley, Reg.N., on furlough, with her husband, from their work at *Calabar, Nigeria,* showed interesting slides of that country and its people, as she gave a graphic account of our missionary work there. Miss Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer of Council Executive, represented Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and spoke on Finances, in a most informative way. Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, and Vice-President, Mrs. O. J. Davies, participated in the programme at both Sessions. Greetings were presented by Mrs. F. Black, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial; and by the Rev. J. R. M. Anderson, Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery, who also installed the 1965 Officers. Mrs. S. A. Milne, B.A., was re-elected to the Presidency.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of *Montreal and Ottawa Synodical* was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* on April 6th and 7th. President Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, presided at all Sessions, and the Theme was "Rededication." Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), represented the Council, and spoke on "What Is New In The W.M.S." Mrs. J. O. Forrester, of *Westport,* President of *Brockville* Presbyterial, spoke on "The W.M.S. Member—and Finances." At the Evening Meeting, open to both men and women, the Rev. Hugh Wilson of *Avonmore,* Minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, *Avonmore,* was the Guest Speaker. The Rev. Archie Casselman, B.A., of Aylmer East, Quebec, Moderator of Synod, and Minister of *Gloucester* Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from the Synod of *Montreal* and *Ottawa,* and the Rev. J. A. McGowan, B.A., Moderator of *Glengarry* Presbytery, and Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vankleek Hill,* presented greetings from the *Presbytery* of *Glengarry.*

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* with President, Mrs. F. M. Mooney in the Chair. Assisting in the Programme were Mrs. S. J. Kennett and Mrs. W. D. Dow, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. D. J. McLeod, Recording Secretary; Miss Christina Hope, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, Treasurer. Miss Ruby Walker, National Missions Worker in *East Toronto Presbytery,* was Guest Speaker, and told of her work in the Inner City. Treasurer, Mrs. Boyd, reported an encouraging financial year. Presbyterial Projects during the year were a Scholarship to a girl in the *Bhil Mission Field, India*; the purchase of educational books for the Mission Field in *Korea*; and Bales and quilts sent to *Kenora.* Mrs. Mooney was re-elected to the Presidency for 1965.

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That, once again, the Daffodils their golden banners raise!
That God, in His great goodness, always grants us June again,
And His benisons of loveliness each year the same remain!

(L.M.C.)

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THE GIFT GOD GAVE AT PENTECOST

The Message of the Presidents of the World Council of Churches For the 1965 Day of Pentecost. June 6, 1965

"You Will Receive Power"

"When the apostles were all together, they asked Jesus: "Lord, is this the time when you are going to establish once again the sovereignty of Israel?" He answered: "It is not for you to know about dates or times which the Father has set within his own control. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Jordan and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth!" Acts 1: 6-8)."

"THESE MEN have learned to know Jesus as Lord. They believe in his resurrection. They understand that his death was not defeat but victory over all that enslaves and destroys men. But they want to know what this is going to mean in practice. Does it mean the Kingdom of God now? Does it mean that we are on the winning side, and we shall forthwith see the enemies of God put to flight?

Jesus tells them plainly that God has not given us the timetable for his campaign. We simply do not know what are the limits of human life —for good and for ill. But God is going to give them something more important. He is going to give them his Spirit, who will empower them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. When this Spirit comes, they will become the evidences to the whole world that Jesus reigns, and that evil is doomed and on the way out.

That promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. In a mighty outpouring of divine power, these doubting disciples were transformed into living signs of the reign of Christ over the whole earth. Out from Jerusalem they went, reaching for the farthest corner of the world, a great movement of resistance against the established powers of evil, living torches to illuminate the night with certainty of a new day to come.

The Church today is losing much of the power that it had when it was an accepted and honoured part of the established order. Very many Christians today live scattered in small groups, minorities without political power. In this, they are nearer to the Christians of the first century than to those of the 19th.

But God has never cancelled the promise, or withdrawn the gift he gave at Pentecost. That power is always available to the Church which wants it enough to pay the price. The price is to be made utterly one with the Lord Jesus Christ—one with his humiliation, in order to be one with his victory. The power is power to believe, and to help others to believe, power to hope without wavering to the end, power to love to the limit, power to make peace, to work for justice and reconciliation between men. It is the power of the coming Kingdom, given to us now. It is the pledge of glory. And it is offered to all who ask.

We ask you, then, to join with us at this season of Pentecost, in praying the Lord to fill the whole Church afresh with the power of His Spirit, so that it may be His witness to the ends of the earth."

This message is signed by honorary president, Dr. J. H. Oldham, St. Leonards-on-the-Sea, England, octogenarian ecumenical pioneer, and the six presidents elected at the WCC New Delhi Assembly in 1961. They are: Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox primate of North and South America, New York; Sir Francis Ibiam, Governor of the Eastern Region of Nigeria and leading Presbyterian layman, Enugu, Nigeria; Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, London; Principal David Moses of Hislop College, Nagpur, India, Church of Northern India and Pakistan; Dr. Martin Niemoeller, former president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Wiesbaden, Germany; and Charles C. Parlin, New York lawyer and Methodist layman.

(The Day of Pentecost falls on Sunday June 6th, this year, for Protestant and Anglican Churches; the Orthodox Churches of the world will observe the Day on June 13th, 1965. This Day of Pentecost, which is observed each year, marks the event described in the Book of Acts, when the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised would come, descended on his small group of followers, and, almost at once, some 3000 converts were brought to the faith.

Today, the Day of Pentecost is observed by many Churches as a day in which to stress the unity and mission of the Church, and this Annual Message, from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches, will be read in numerous languages around the world, in the more than two hundred member Churches, included in the World Council of Churches in more than ninety different counties and territories throughout the world, on Sunday June 6th, or June 13th according to their tradition and creed. Most of the major Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Anglican Churches in Canada and the United States are included in the World Council of Churches. — Editor.)

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Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres 1965

Training Centres are being planned for the summer of 1965. Keep these dates in mind, plan to attend one of them and encourage others to do so, and watch for further publicity which will come to local groups.

Dates and Places

July 12 - 16—The Baptist Leadership Training School,
Calgary, Alberta

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Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities, to grow—

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada, and around the world
- in their ability as leaders

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A REMINDER

1 — TO ALL GROUP MEMBERS

Since most groups do not meet during the summer months, could you manage to advance some or all of your summer offerings at your June meeting? The Society's maintenance of work is a steady twelve months' responsibility.

2 — TO ALL TREASURERS — Group, Presbyterial, Synodical. Would you kindly remit all General Fund monies promptly? It would greatly facilitate matters if the Group Treasurer would remit **AFTER EACH MEETING.** If every Group would send in as little as $10.00, it would mean over $10,000.00, and much more than that is being held in Group bank accounts. This year, the Society requires nearly $40,000.00 per month to cover expenses. Presbyterials and Synodicals cannot remit efficiently if the source fails — that is, the individual member, plus the Group Treasurer.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Kindly accept my thanks in advance.

(Miss) E. Luzetta McClelland
Treasurer

PRAYER

by MRS. F. J. DICKSON
House Mother
Presbyterian Fellowship House
Prince Albert, Sask.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy matchless love. We thank Thee for the promise of Thy abiding presence; for the assurance that before we call, Thou wilt answer, and while we are yet speaking Thou wilt hear.

Increase our faith, O Lord. May we be vessels fit for Thy service, and may we be used of Thee to lead others to a greater knowledge of Thy love for all mankind.

Forgive the many times we fail to fully trust Thee. We so often try to walk in our own strength, forgetting Thy promise to be our guide.

Lord, give wisdom and understanding to all Thy servants, especially those who work with children and young people. May their lives be such that those under their care will see and know that they have learned of Thee.

At this time many students are, for the first time, leaving the shelter and security of their homes to enter the busy world of commerce. May they be kept by Thy hand, and guided by Thy love. May they remember the teaching of Thy word. Strengthen their faith, and give them courage to resist evil and to do that which they know to be pleasing in Thy sight.

We pray for the Queen, also the Government of this land; may they lead us in paths of honour and righteousness, remembering always that they receive their authority at Thy hand.

We pray for the nations of the world. Let brotherly love and kindness be foremost in all our dealings and grant that trust and understanding will grow.

Help us to walk in paths of peace, guide us in ways of righteousness. This we pray in the name of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

BEGINNINGS OF THE CHURCH IN FORMOSA

by MISS DOROTHY DOUGLAS

THIS IS NOT a history of the Formosan Church, but let us think of some beginnings of the work of Missions in Formosa which would help us to appreciate the past, and to plan for the future.

The first Missionaries to arrive on the Island were from the English Presbyterian Church. They came by way of Swatow on the China Mainland, where a Mission had already been established. These men went to the City of Tainan, in south Formosa, and began their work. Dr. Maxwell, a medical Doctor, first preached the Gospel in the Formosan dialect on June 16, 1865, so, on this date in 1965, Centenary celebrations begin in Tainan.

Dr. George Leslie Mackay also came to Formosa by way of Swatow. First he went to Tainan to confer with the Missionaries there, but not to remain. His desire was to go to some place where no Missionary work was being done, so he, and two of the Englishmen, came to the North by boat. It was on March 9th, 1872 that Dr. Mackay and his two friends steamed into the port of Tamsui, full of expectation and hope that here they might begin their life work. They were all much impressed by the beautiful scenery. One of his friends said to him: "Mackay, this is your field"! Besides the natural beauty of the place, there was the river which afforded transportation as well as food, and there were people everywhere on the plains and in the mountains, needing Jesus Christ, their Saviour.

After some difficulty, a place to live was found, cleaned up, and the next problem was to learn the language. But nobody wanted to teach him. One day when he was out walking he came upon some boys who were watching the water buffaloes in the pasture. They were very interested and friendly when he used his few words of Formosan, and were willing to tell him the names of the objects around them. This was the beginning. As he had already learned the tones and, having a good ear, he was able to say the words as they said them; so he learned quickly. In the evenings, he studied the dictionary, and in five months he was able to preach a short sermon which the people could understand.

Early Converts: For a long time, Dr. Mackay prayed that an intelligent young man, interested in learning new things, would be his first convert. One morning, a youth who appeared to be all he had asked for, called on him and questioned him on many subjects. At Dr. Mackay's request he returned in the evening. From that time, he not only came back himself but brought others of equal intelligence with him to discuss the different religions. They found that the Missionary knew about these things, and they finally went away, but the first young man asked to be taught. He said, "I believe that the doctrines you teach are true", so he finally became a Christian, and a prayer was answered.

It was exactly one year after Dr. Mackay's arrival in Formosa that the first baptismal service was held. When the people in the town heard about it, there was great opposition. They shouted, "Let us beat the converts"! However, when the time came, all was quiet. The Missionary's house was filled, and the five young men who had asked for baptism came forward and made public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. How thankful Dr. Mackay must have been!

The first of these young men, called A-hoa, became a Preacher, and lectured to the young men who were studying theology as well. He lived to be a very old man, and when he died was buried in Tamsui which had always been his home. One of the five died while he was still a young man. He was a dispenser of native medicine. Another one was blind, but he had a faithful friend who always led him to the church services. The fourth was a painter called Ek-zu, who used to decorate temples with all kinds of ornamental flowers, and paint bright dragons on the prows of the junks. He too became a Preacher and Pastor of Tamsui church, and lived to see the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the mission. The fifth man was Lim Giat, a carpenter by trade, who first came to Dr. Mackay to have his eyes treated. He was quiet and slow, but he soon became a Christian and finally a preacher. He was then sent to work with the Pepohoan tribe on the East Coast, who belong to what we now call the Mountain People. Lim Giat lived to be a very old man, and three of his sons carried on as preachers.

In the early days, the men did not study theology in a building but travelled around the country, preaching and teaching the people. There was no transportation except their own two legs, so when they were tired they stopped in the shade of some friendly tree and studied the Bible till they were rested, and then they moved on again. In many places the people were quite antagonistic to the preaching, and would throw stones and various missiles to try to hinder their progress. When the French came and invaded Taiwan, many of the small churches were destroyed. Dr. Mackay was present when an angry mob tore down the church at Bankah.

Medical Work: Dr. Mackay was very interested in the physical welfare of the people as well as their spiritual welfare, so, very soon after his arrival, he opened a dispensary where people came to have their eyes treated for trachoma, and other diseases such as malaria, prevalent in tropical countries. The Church in Canada had no money to put up a building for this purpose, but eventually a Mrs. Mackay who lived in Detroit gave the money for the first Hospital, which was built beside the Church in Tamsui. The building is still standing, although it has not been used as a Hospital since the Mackay Memorial Hospital was built in Taipei. In the beginning the Hospital was used by the British doctors in Tamsui, and by Dr. Mackay, as a dispensary. He also became very adept at pulling teeth and, as there were no dentists in those days, his services were called upon very often.

Women's Work: In later years, Bible women went about among the Churches, teaching the women to read the Bible in the Romanized script, and explaining the meaning of its contents. In the early days most women had never been to school and had no idea how to study, or to keep their minds on the teacher's words. It was no easy task for the workers from any point of view. The women were difficult to teach; their living quarters were unpleasant. Parasites were everywhere. Very often there was a pig-pen under their window; a goose or a duck hatching eggs under their beds, while children came into their rooms at will. The women usually cooked their own meals over a charcoal brazier. As far as their conversation was concerned, they had to be "as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves".

Most of the Bible women were graduates of the Women's Bible School in Tamsui, where women of all ages could come for study for two years. They first had to learn the comparatively easy Romanized script which made it possible for them to learn to read the Bible in a few months. The Church owes a great deal to these women who thought not of themselves but only of bringing people to Christ.

When I came to Formosa there were a number of old women who were still very active, and completely dedicated to the work, and very much respected and loved by everyone. To-day there is one woman of seventy-four who has worked in the Mackay Memorial Hospital for about twenty-five years and has been most faithful in following the patients to their homes. She is now laid aside by illness, but we hope she will recover to continue her work. There will be many prayers going up on her behalf.

The Formosan Women's Missionary Society is still carrying on a Bible School for women, but these are changing times. Nowadays the pupils are mostly young girls, who are not High School graduates and therefore not eligible to study in the Bible School at Hsinchu. The young ones soon get married, but there are still a number of the older ones working in the Church. We remember, with gratitude, all that these women have done in the past without complaint, giving themselves wholly to the preaching and teaching of the Gospel.

This being the Centenary year in the Formosan Church, great plans have been made for its celebration. These have been discussed throughout the church for many years. We have been hearing of the Double-the-Number Movement for a long time. One of the Churches had an effective way of doing this. The Christians built a Church just the same in every way as the one in which they worshipped. The people, who lived near the new Church, all moved over there and made it their Church home. Then they began to build up both Churches. It was quite successful. It is true that the number of Churches and the number of Church members have increased very, very much, both in the mountains and on the plains.

We know that the Centenary meetings, from the 16th to the 22nd of June, will be a thrilling experience for all those who are privileged to attend them. There will be people here from England, Canada, United States, and Japan, to help the Church make this a great occasion, long to be remembered not only in Taiwan but in the countries represented. However, the important thing to remember is that this is not an end, but the beginning of the second century, when we must have greater consecration, make greater sacrifices, have more love and humility, as we approach the non-Christian people. There are still over eleven million people in Formosa who are living in fear, superstition and without hope. The world is not the same as it was when Dr. Mackay first came to this Island, but the need is the same, and we must use all that we have learned in order to make the second century greater than the first. Also we preach the same Gospel; for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday to-day and forever.

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WITH A CONSECRATED CAR!

She couldn't speak before a crowd;
She couldn't teach a class;
But when she came to Church or
School
She brought the folk *en masse*.
She couldn't sing to save her life;
In public — couldn't pray;
But always her small shabby car
Was crammed on each Lord's Day.
And though she couldn't sing, nor
teach,
Not even lead in prayer —
She listened well; She had a smile
And she was always there —
With all the others whom she
brought
Who lived both near and far;
And God's work was greatly helped
By her consecrated Car.

(Author unknown)

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

Tamiko Nakamura

MISS TAMIKO NAKAMURA — Miss Nakamura transfers from the Overseas Department to the Organization Department at the end of May, 1965. In September, 1961, she joined the Overseas staff, to serve for a three-year period with the Korean Christian Church in Japan. This short term was completed in November, 1964. Miss Nakamura has continued on the overseas staff doing deputation and sharing in other responsibilities in Toronto.

In the three-year period spent in Japan, Miss Nakamura worked as Secretary of the Christian Education Committee of the Korean Christian Church. In that position, she worked with Korean Christian Education leaders, developing a programme of leadership for the Korean Church. It was possible for the Korean Assembly, in October 1964, to appoint two full-time women workers in Christian Education — the first women to be appointed in Japan to such a task. Their appointment marks the progress made, during Miss Nakamura's three-year term, in the thinking of the Korean Church.

The Overseas Department is grateful for having had the privilege of Miss Nakamura's leadership in the Korean Church at this time.

Miss Elsie Taylor, R.N.

MISS ELSIE TAYLOR, R.N. — Miss Taylor has returned to her post in Uburu Hospital, in Eastern Nigeria. During her six months' furlough, she spent time in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, doing deputation. Miss Taylor is returning for her second term of service with the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

MISS ANNE HOWSON, R.N. — Miss Howson is returning to her work in Mary Slessor Hospital in Itu, Eastern Nigeria. She has been in Canada since the autumn of 1964, on her first furlough. Unfortunately, during the greater part of her furlough, Miss Howson was not well. However, through treatment, she is able to take up her work again.

Miss Anne Howson, R.N.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, that they will be encouraged and strengthened in their work, by all Staff and Delegates, as they return from the Annual Council Meeting.

—For all Summer Students who have gone forth to serve in the Presbyteries across Canada, (some for the first time), that they may be given Divine strength and guidance in their witness each day.

—For all groups, as the first half of the year draws to a close, that each member may think of her responsibility and endeavour to fulfil it.

—For all who plan for summer Church-Vacation Schools, Camps, Training Centres, that each event may contribute to the Christian growth of all who participate.

—Let us thank God for the past 100 years of Christian witness in Formosa, for the early Christians and their western colleagues who laboured under many difficulties to lay the foundations of the Church. Remembering the strained situation in which the Formosan Church exists to-day, pray with all who join in the Centenary celebrations, that the Church may at this time reaffirm the power of the Gospel to meet the total needs of mankind.

You—and Your Adult Group

PREPARING FOR A MEETING

by (Mrs. Wm.) RHODA GEGGIE

What do we mean by preparing for a meeting? Surely if we think about our immediate preparation this would probably leave a great deal to be desired. For that can be hectic!

> —A young mother with a baby that has to be fed and put to bed, dashing about frantically, hoping that her husband won't be late again for his dinner, certainly has little time for mental or spiritual preparation.
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> —A mother with school children has some of the same problems, but she also has the added one of settling disputes as to whose turn it is to do the dishes and which T.V. programme is to be watched, and just when is the absolute deadline for starting homework. How prepared is she for her meeting?
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> —The business woman, eating a hasty meal downtown before she catches subway or bus, has no peaceful moment for preparation, nor does the school teacher, between marking today's test and arranging for tomorrow's.

No, I don't think we mean the immediate preparation for a meeting, but rather a long range preparation:— the kind that continues on from week to week, month to month.

" We missed you" has a sweet ring to the member who was away from the meeting, whether it was because of illness, or through some other circumstance.

The President who takes the time to say: "I'm so sorry you weren't able to be with us," is doing more for her group in preparing for the next meeting than if she spent hours thinking about her opening thought or meditation.

And we, as individual members, must do the same. No matter who we are, we like to know we have been missed. And the little lady who sits quietly in the back seat is needed—and missed—just as much as the one who fills a seat on the Executive.

We are called to "Go into all the world", and this means that it isn't just enough to be friendly on Sunday. Your Home and School, your Hospital Auxiliary, your I.O.D.E., and your Eastern Star Meetings are present opportunities for you to "prepare" for your Church Group meeting.

If your town is like our town, there is an abundance of Organizations, and one meets many of the same people at these meetings. But are we not meeting them at our W.M.S.? I wonder why? Is it perhaps because we appear cold, aloof, unfriendly, indifferent? Have we made others feel they are really wanted—and needed?

Have we gone out of our way to invite them—to walk along to the meeting with them—or pick them up and take them there? And, when we do get someone new to come out, do we leave her sitting alone, or do we make a point of introducing her around—making her feel that it was good to be there.

We do not always think of this as being preparation for a meeting. But it can be vital.

There is also the mental preparation. If it is your turn to "do" the study book — do it the very best you know how. Put time and effort on it. Seek out some new way of presenting it. Don't just get up and read what others have written. Make charts, or maps, show pictures, or even try a few costumes for those taking part. Simple things can be effective.

Whatever you do—reading the Scripture, offering the Prayer, playing the piano—give it your best.

Prepare — prepare — prepare!

What about the spiritual preparation? Sometimes I feel that those members, a generation or two ago, spent more time on spiritual preparation than we do today. But if ever there was a time when we needed spiritual sustenance, it is now. We need the message of the Gospel in our daily lives. We need the love, and we need the comfort. We need to read and to study and to pray. But we can't do it all just before we rush out to our group meeting!

Yes, preparation is a day-to-day affair. It is a way of life!

LETTER FROM HONG KONG

(by MISS MARGARET NEAR, M.A.,
Deaconess, Chinese Work in Toronto,
now on study furlough in Hong Kong.)

Dear Friends:

What is Hong Kong like? When I first arrived I was driven along a road as modern as any Canadian street. As it passed through an unbuilt-up section, on one side was a most modern apartment building; on the other side, were little huddles of wooden shacks clinging to the hillside — the home of some of Hong Kong's residents. This is the fascination of Hong Kong! It is a city full of contrasts.

It is a city that is always changing. Old buildings are constantly being demolished, and new ones being built. This is true not only of the central areas, but also of the outlying towns. The harbour changes from day to day, as ships go overseas with their cargoes and others take their place. The fishing fleet goes out to sea, and returns. Hills are carved down to provide building sites, and the fill goes into the sea to reclaim land there as well. Each day people go back to the mainland to visit their families, and return again. Each day fifteen more immigrants enter the Colony to take up residence. About a month ago, two of the Colony's Banks were closed by bankruptcy, and several others were hit by serious runs on accounts. The crisis that resulted indicated the precariousness and the dependency of Hong Kong on overseas trade, and on its own industry. It is a unique city, whose people have built a future for themselves on the shambles of war, and at the edge of revolution. Yet, it remains a Colony, sitting in a sea of dynamite.

It is also a city of people; elegant women in their cheong saams and furs; amahs, in their white Chinese jackets and dark trousers; girls and women in their matching jackets and slacks, that look so much like pajamas; women and children with babies on their backs; old men in their long gowns; a street sleeper, guarding her spot during the day; pedlars with their wares hung from long bamboo poles across their shoulders; construction workers climbing the fragile bamboo scaffolding: blue-clad women with wide straw hats, moving earth at construction sites; women garbage collectors going through others' discards, and students—thousands of them—each clad in distinctive uniform.

In every area of the Colony, new housing, factories, and schools are under construction; some are lovely new modern apartments, others are the latest sixteen-storey versions of the resettlement blocks that will provide fireproof, typhoonproof homes for a few more of the hill-dwellers, at a rent of as low as HK$12.00 a month in contrast to over HK$1,000, for new non-government housing.

I wish you could come with me out to Wong Tai Sin, one of the huge resettlement estates. On sunny days, the laundry hangs on bamboo poles from every apartment, seven stories of it, and from over thirty blocks. A really colourful sight! It is repeated in almost every area of Hong Kong. Where the streets are narrow, the poles hang across the street, competing with the neon signs for attention.

In case you are wondering, Hong Kong also has its traffic problems. Some are due to road widening and construction. The remainder are due to the number of cars, over 11,000 in 1964 or 155.8 per mile of road; this in spite of the fact that the farthest one can drive is about twenty-five miles to the Chinese border.

Three out of seven of Hong Kong's population are under fourteen years of age. (The birth rate is the fifth highest in the world.) They gather as you take a picture; call out for money to patrons of the colourful floating restaurants; practise their English on you; and cause traffic congestion before and after school hours. It is in education that the Churches of Hong Kong are making their largest contribution to the well-being and future of Hong Kong. Without the Churches, an even higher percentage of Hong Kong youth would be without schooling. As it is, an estimated 100,000 are not in primary school, and at least 15,000 could not get into secondary schools. Only a quarter of those who write the Matriculation examinations are able to enter the two Government Universities—the Chinese University received its charter only last year—while another quarter do successfully passs. Even children in the lowest primary grades do hours of homework under mother's, or amah's watchful eye. For the price of failure is the search for a new school of lower standards!

Education is not free. Even Government Schools charge fees, and require the purchase of books and school uniforms. In many Church Schools, scholarships, however, are available for needy and promising students. Yet there is a real danger that education be regarded as a means of Church-support (it is already Hong Kong's most successful and profitable business), and that youth evangelism be too closely linked to education.

The churches of Hong Kong are much in evidence, and all that I have seen are full on Sundays. Yet the temples, too, are crowded on special occasions, and in most buildings the bundles of incense burn outside doors, and the sweet perfume of burning incense fills the air.

I asked two young people about their opinions of the Christian's responsibility in Hong Kong. The essence of one's reply was that we are called to both preach the Gospel and serve the people in the name of Christ. When asked what the greatest problem facing the churches was, the other replied, too many denominations—over thirty—with little co-operation among them.

This is Hong Kong—my Hong Kong—I shall leave it with regret. Yet I know I must go back. See you in August! Sincerely, Margaret.

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DOES MY HEART?

by Mary Ann Voelkel

The dollars come—and willingly;
The knitting's done, at Sewing-Bee;
We join together in serious prayer
To ease the world and lift its care;
We hear the oft' re-echoed news,
And learn the Missionaries' views;
We find our lives one great concern
For godless men, that they may learn of Christ!

But does my heart give of itself
Not merely of my meagre wealth
And while I would the heathen guide
Have I rejoiced that Jesus died—For me?

The Bibles go to different parts
To change those far-off, needy hearts;
But do *I* read, and day by day
Attune *my* heart to what He'll say?
Lord, search *my* heart and make it so!
That I, Thyself would truly know.
And then, with love and earnest prayer
What I've experienced, I will share!

(Contributed by Mrs. Ronald Rowat, Montreal, Que.)

This poem was written for Mrs. Ronald Rowat, of Montreal, Quebec, at her request. Mrs. Rowat sent it to us, feeling that it holds a message which should be shared with the readers of our Glad Tidings. Mrs. Jack Voelkel, who wrote the poem, is the wife of the young Presbyterian Minister then at Port Cartier, Quebec — one of the pioneer outposts of the presbyterian Church in Quebec. He is now Assistant to the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto. (Ed.)

In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
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Mrs. Norman Morrison	Knox, Alliston	Barrie
Mrs. May Denney	Presbyterian, Baxter	Barrie
Miss M. Edith Beatty	St. Andrew's, Allenford	Bruce and Owen Sound
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> "When I go down to the grave, I can say with many others 'I have finished my day's work'. But life is a thoroughfare. It closes at the twilight; it opens at the dawn." —Victor Herbert.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

BIRD LAND, by Hugh M. Halliday

This is a perfectly delightful book for bird-lovers and bird-watchers, of any age—and that means just about everybody, doesn't it? The Author is one of Canada's best known writer-naturalists, and his regular column in one of the large Toronto newspapers, is popular reading, not to be missed by anyone. I always look for it first of all! This, his latest book, has 183 pages, liberally illustrated with dozens of wonderful photographs which he has taken himself, with his fine special cameras and long-distance telephoto lenses, on his many expeditions from coast to coast. It is a splendid book to possess, and for any bird-watcher among your family or friends, it would be a perfect gift. Who is a Bird-Watcher? Mr. Halliday describes them this way—"He (or she) is a composite individual. He may be content to watch birds from his dinette window, or he may rise before dawn and spend all day exploring a marsh. Or he may drive 100 miles just to see some rare bird reported there! The mud bars on which the shore birds sojourn during their Spring and Autumn migrations may attract him like a magnet. Always, his object is to *look* at the living bird, and leave it unaware that it has been looked at." Price—$3.95.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME,

by Elizabeth S. Pistole

Now that it is June, and so many "Bridal Showers" are in the offing, I think this is the time to tell you about this most unusual, yet smart and practical little book, which any Bride-to-be would certainly welcome with joy. It has dozens of delectable recipes, of course—and I know that they *are* good because several of our Staff have tried them with great success—but it has much more than that! It has a fine dash of humour; many thought-amusing, little poems and meditative musings; suggestions for entertaining friends and neighbours, special activity times and quiet companionable times—and it has sturdy and colourful washable covers, which will stand-up to much busy usage. Mrs. Pistole is a public school Teacher, as well as a busy home-maker, and she has tested, and worked-out these ideas and recipes in her own home. She is the wife of a Minister, and co-authored with her husband, the book "The Church In Thy Home." She is also the author of "Confidentially Girls." This latest book comes in a nice white box, just right for wrapping as a gift. Price—$1.75.

PROOFS OF HIS PRESENCE, by Grace Noll Crowell

This book is, literally just "off the press," and it is the latest of more than thirty books written through the years by this fine, dedicated Christian writer, whose words of unfaltering faith and inspiration have brought help and comfort to countless numbers throughout the years. One of America's best known and best loved poets, in this small book of 178 pages, she has combined poetry and prose in these twenty Meditations on the immortality of Christ, and His living Presence. Each one is a little gem of thought and inspiration, and each one ends with one of her own poems. In her introduction, she says "this book is affectionately dedicated to all true believers in the risen Christ; the One infinitely loving and wise, who has given us many infallible proofs of His immortality, and of our own. It is dedicated to those who receive these proofs with unshakable faith, and with heartfelt gratitude for the light His revelations shed upon our upward and onward way." Some of these Meditations are "Mary Magdalene; The Walk to Emmaus; The Eleven; A Chosen Vessel; The Households of Earth; And Now Abideth Hope; The Conquest of Sorrow; Prayer Power; The Illuminating Power," and others of equal worth—Paper, Price —.75c.

OUR'S IS THE FAITH, by Walter Dudley Cavert

In this most worth-while book, we have a carefully planned series of Devotionals, covering a period of six months. Each one seeks to stimulate thought about the meaning of the Christian faith, and how it can be exemplified in our daily lives. A Theme for each week is chosen, and each Devotion contains a Bible reading; a meditation and a prayer. All the Themes for the 26 weeks are thoughtfully related to one another. The first week brings attention to the times in which we live; the second week emphasizes the need of an intelligent and sustaining faith; the next three weeks point to the Bible and to prayer, as sources of inner strength; several weeks deal with an interpretation of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith;

the remaining weeks encompass the practical application of Christianity to daily life. Dr. Cavert, before his retirement, was 18 years with the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and, during that time, guided the programme of Church Schools and Young Peoples Societies for over 800 Churches. He has been an international Exchange Minister; an Army Chaplain; a Staff Correspondent for "The Christian Century" and the author of several books. He is eminently fitted to prepare such a book as this.—Price—$2.25.

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THE ANNUAL MIRACLE!

WARS HAVE COME and gone; earthquakes, cyclones, floods and storms have shaken the earth; Governments have risen and fallen; revolutions have changed the map — but our robin never fails to make her way back to our garden every spring, and to build her cosy nest in the crotch of our plum-tree! Nothing concerns her, except that other pesky robin who won't stay in her own backyard, and keeps stealing the worms on our lawn — food that is certainly "our" robin's, by all the laws of annual tenancy!

Back she comes to us, after the winter's snows have gone, and quietly she sets about her work of building her nest in her accustomed spot. Of course, the male robin has already reconnoitred the land, and assured her all is well. Then she goes about her sole absorbing task — that of raising a family. Her mate does his share in foraging, and providing nesting material, but she is plainly "the Boss".

Every evening she flies up to our T.V. antennae — a perfect perch — to sing her vespers. At least, it seems to us that her song can only be one of praise to God for His goodness to her! We are usually sitting out on the lawn about that time, and so we have a good chance of observing her, as she warbles away, her crimson throat swelling and trembling in the ecstasy of her effort. Isn't there a little poem about one robin saying to another something about "these humans fretting so", and ending with the remark that it must be "because they have no Heavenly Father, such as watches over you and me?"

We know that is true, we *do* worry too much! That is one of the things which distinguishes us from the birds and other animals. We *have* the capacity for worry — and how we do use it! If we have just got over one cause for worry, how long does it take us to find — or invent — another? Yet we, who think about ourselves as Christians, have only to recall the words of One, who surely had every cause to be worried and anxious, yet Who never was, and to remember His words — "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed — for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things, but seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you".

This is not an invitation to laziness, but a challenge to us to trust in the Lord, realizing that we are constantly in His care, and, if we are doing our best, He will take care of us, in His own time and way, and according to what is best for us — His children. Welcome back, cheerful, busy Mrs. Robin — your very presence teaches us the lessons of trustfulness and praise! *(Courtesy of "The War Cry", Toronto)*

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SOMETHING TO BE JOYFUL ABOUT!

(In this Article written in 1963, Margaret L. Copeland tells the fascinating story of the Ami Tribe of Formosa, and the celebration of thirty years of Christian work, when a hundred Churches became a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. It is of special interest in this year of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa.)

ON APRIL 29TH, 1963, C. Y. Yang, Asia's Iron Man, established a world decathlon record—a great achievement for Formosa, and especially for the Ami Tribe, of which Mr. Yang is the most famous representative. And, on this same day, in Formosa, the scattered Churches of the Ami Tribe joined in a coming-of-age celebration, and became a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa.

At the same time as Mr. Yang vaulted 15 feet, 10½ inches, into the air in California, the girls of the Ami Tribe were dancing out the 30 years history of their Church, in their native heath. Mr. Yang amassed over 9000 points. The Ami Presbytery could amass 20,000 Christians, provided they could find a place big enough to hold that number. Mr. Yang had taken 29 years—30 years by Chinese count—to reach his objective. The Church of the Ami Tribe had reached this level of maturity in the same number of years.

Both Mr. Yang and his Tribe had spent the first two-thirds of these years in quiet preparation, with little obvious progress in their athletic, or Christian growth. Mr. Yang's outstanding record is known to the whole world. The record of the Ami Church is not even known as widely as it should be on their native Island of Formosa! In the same period of time, the Ami Christians have founded at least 100 Churches; they have ordained 13 Pastors and have 63 Preachers. Christians now comprise 23% of the population of the whole Tribe.

The Amis celebrate their Harvest Festivals and their Weddings, with dancing. The coming-of-age of a Church is as important a day in the life of the Christian community, as is the coming-of-age of an individual. To celebrate this great occasion, the various Churches up and down the narrow coast sent their best dancers to express their joy and thankfulness to God. The 29th of April, 1963, was most definitely a time to dance!

The Presbyterian Church of Formosa is made up of 8 Presbyteries on the plains—(Taiwanese)—and now 2 in the Mountains—(Tribal). The work among the tribes of Taiwan has been under the guidance of the Mountain Committee of the General Assembly. Two years ago, the first Tribal Presbytery was formed, the Taroko. This, most friendly, is Chi-oang's Tribe—Chi-oang, who is the mother of the Tribal Christians.

The second Tribal Presbytery, the Ami, was received into the General Assembly on April 29th, 1963, at Kuang-fu, on the eastern coastal plain of Taiwan. This is 40 kilometres on the railway, south of Hualien, the main City and Port on the East Coast. Even as Chi-oang is the mother in Christ of the Taroko Tribe, so Kho Liam-bian, one of her contemporaries, is the father of the Ami Tribe. Rev. Kho Liam-bian is a member of a small, almost extinct, Tribe, but his wife is Ami. When they were first married, they prayed unceasingly that someone might be sent to bring the Gospel to Mrs. Kho's Tribe. No one came. They thought their prayers were unanswered. Mr. Kho began to think that perhaps God meant him to go. He knew the Ami language, but this seemed his only qualification—he had no theological training, and no money! Still the Lord wasn't sending anyone else to do this work, which weighed so heavily on the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Kho, so, in 1931, they sold their water buffalo and went to the Tamsui Bible School—the same School where Chi-oang was studying, and at the same time as she was there.

When the Kho's returned to the East Coast, they began preaching among the Amis, working from Kuang-fu. The Japanese, who governed Formosa at that time, allowed no religious work of any kind among the Tribes. As World War II progressed, they became more frightened and more oppressed; Preachers and Christians were threatened, beaten, imprisoned and tortured; their Bibles burned. What an impossible situation, and what an inauspicious time for the young Preacher Kho, and his wife, to begin their mission! They worked for three years, but the only results they saw were two blind men, and a cripple, who confessed belief in Christ.

Thirty years later, the cross of the new Kuang-fu Presbyterian Church etched itself against the dark green of the mountains and the clear blue of the sky. The 'tori' which proclaimed that this, up until a few years ago, had been the site of the Japanese Shinto Shrine, was muffled in greenery, and picked out in flowers. When the 800 seats were filled, people stood at the back of the Church, in the doors and windows, and still more people sat on the grass, content just to be near the cement-block-and-tile Church, with its high dome, and piercing cross. The 83-year-old Kho Liam-bian and his wife, were prevented by illness from attending. As they thought of that great gathering of Christians, did they recall the two blind men, and the cripple, who were the first fruits of their ministry?

The Moderator of the Church was on the platform in his official robes, to welcome the Ami Presbytery into the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. The Chairman of the Mountain Committee was on the platform also, wearing his white linen Chinese gown, to congratulate the Amis in having attained their independence of his Committee. The Secretary of the Mountain Committee chaired the Meeting, prepared and carried through a programme which lasted over three hours. Protocol and courtesy were scrupulously observed. All speeches and announcements were translated, either from Taiwanese, Mandarin, or Japanese into Ami; if the speech was in English, a third interpreter was added. Telegrams and letters were read from representatives and friends, from Churches and Institutions around the Island and abroad; sister Tribes, and also Tribes to whom the Ami have gone as Missionaries, sent representatives; five Ami young men, then studying at the Taiwan Theological College sang a group of songs, "a cappella". How proud they must have felt of their Church—and the Church might well feel proud of them too—such fine-looking gentle boys! The Kuang-fu Choir, of some 50 young people, sang. The Amis have great musical gifts; their tunes are not unlike the early Christian plain song. They also know how to listen! That whole great congregation listened so intently that it became an active participation.

The lawn in front of the Church seemed to be suspended between two mountain ranges, with the Church and the "tori" flanking it, and the trees encircling it on the ends. Hundreds of people stood patiently around after lunch, many of the women with babies on their backs. There was a movement in the crowd, as though something was coming to a boil. The crowd parted, and the first troupe of Dancers stepped into the wide-circle of the lawn. These girls wore short, black, wrap-around skirts, with bracelets of bells around their knees; bright sashes of wool, and red rosettes and flowers in their black hair. They move in a simple natural rhythm, their songs are high and plaintive; they bend and sway, and stamp out the intricate beats with their bare feet. A cross and a "30" were formed a good many times in the course of the dances, helping us to recognize that they were actually dancing out the history of their Church.

Perhaps seven or eight different troupes took part during the long hazy afternoon, differing from each other not so much in choreography, as in costume. The most colourful troupe drew the photographers forward, as though the master puppeteer had pulled all their strings at once. These dancers wore red short-sleeved blouses and black-and-red wrap-around skirts; black-and-white puttees, and beautiful intricate head-dresses of high silver hoops, hanging strings of beads, and puffs of little white feathers. Ropes of beads hung around their necks; tiny bells were sewn into the hems of their skirts, and their rectangular aprons were decorated with shells or sequins. The Kuang-fu Church had a group of 70, led by the tall, graceful President of the Women's Association. One troupe was made up of 50 women, all of whom looked well over 60 years of age. Their voices may have sounded a bit quavery, but they danced as rhythmically as their daughters and grand-daughters.

Time would fail me to tell of the evening of Movies; Bible Memory Contest; Choral Singing—or the doings of the second day, when the Ami Leaders met for the first time as a Presbytery. All aspects of the Celebration were meaningful and reverential, but perhaps that which was most essentially an Ami expression of feeling was the folk-dancing. In the book of Ecclesiastics we read "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven—a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." This was a time to dance!

(Courtesy of "Far Horizons", the Quarterly Magazine of the Overseas Missionary Work of the Presbyterian Church of England.)

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SEND ME

Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide like a wide sea;
The gatherers are so few; I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me!

A place where best the strength I have will tell:
It may be, one the older toilers shun;
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well
So that the work it holds be only done.

Christina G. Rossetti

ARE YOU GOING TO A W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRE THIS YEAR?

Dear Edith:

Let me say how delighted I was to hear from you, and to learn you are planning to attend one of the W.M.S. Training Centres this year. Take it from me, you will return to your group a "new" leader!

How well I remember my own experience at the Training Centre at Regina in 1963. Prior to my leaving Victoria, I had a few anxious moments and doubts—I wouldn't know anyone there—would it really be worthwile? Well—I wasn't there one day before I realized that the people planning these things really know their business—all my doubts and misgivings vanished into thin air!

I had prepared a list of questions on different phases of leading a Youth Group, in my case CGIT. But it was as though the staff people had anticipated the questions and problems that arise, and during the next five days my queries were all answered without my even mentioning them. Incidentally, I am still using some of the ideas and material I brought home with me. It's been like a "well" and I haven't hit bottom yet! I couldn't help feeling that so many times we are willing to just "plow" along not realizing that help *is* available, and from people like our Regional Secretaries, who are directly involved with girls groups.

Perhaps you'd be interested in getting the 'low-down' on an average day at the Centre? One day began with breakfast at 7:45 a.m.—sound early?—it was fun, and, as far as I was concerned, another day of many doors being opened! At 9:00 a.m., we hurried to the Lecture Hall, where Dr. J. S. Clarke (General Secretary, Board of Christian Education) led in Bible study on the theme "The Vocation of a Christian". Dr. Clarke seemed to sense the Leaders' concern in trying to convey to young people the message of the Scriptures, and he always made himself available for a question and answer period.

I am sure you will find, as I did, the important factor in attending the

Training Centre is "Time". There are no distractions, and so, one can really concentrate in the five days you are there.

From 10:30-11:45 a.m., we separated for various Workshops, according to our special interests. In one on Girls' work, we re-enacted a week-night CGIT meeting, and in another, we set up a Worship area with no 'props', just our own ingenuity. At 12:00 noon, we were in the dining room for lunch. You know how our girls can eat? Well, the leaders are all "girls" at heart!

Rest period followed. This was when we'd catch up on our study, prepare assignments, do our laundry, and our own little "buzz groups" to compare notes, etc.

In the afternoons there were age group Workshops again, with something new and exciting every time. Afternoon tea followed. Each day, we had a "Missionary Matinee", which was presented by the National Directors and members of the staff serving in Canada and Overseas. Through skits and "fashion show", we learned about our responsibilities in Canada and Overseas.

After dinner we had our Worship, and I shall never forget the way in which the services were presented. The evening programme also included singsongs, audio visuals, panel discussions, and wonderful talks. We were fortunate in having Mary Sherrick and Beatrice Scott (who were on furlough from the Bhil Field, India) with us.

In the late evening, after we had prepared for bed, we'd gather in one room and sit around "gabbing", perhaps six to ten of us "girls". This is when the day's activities were evaluated, we'd help each other prepare assignments for the following day, discuss our individual problems, wash each other's hair, etc. and talk, talk, talk!!

You know, Edith, I could go on and on about the W.M.S. Training Centre, and it's hard to truly express how I feel about it. I do know I came home refreshed. I had made friends with so many wonderful people, and I think, at times like this, one really learns the true meaning of Christian fellowship.

But now I must scoot! I will be interested in hearing from you after you've been to the Training Centre this year. I just wish I could let every reader know how much I got out of the one I attended. I wouldn't have missed it for anything!

I know you will come home, as I did, renewed in your faith in God, and with a deeper understanding of your girls and their needs.

God bless you. Mary.

Special Note

(Members of the W.M.S. (E.D.) and leaders in the Maritimes will be most welcome at the Training Centres. Calgary — July 12-26; Belleville—July 26-30. For further information contact Miss Christine Shaw, Regional Secretary.)

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

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Boys and Girls!

THE REED CANOE

by LUCILLE BROOKS

"Hello-o-o there!" shouted the man in the reed canoe. "Want to come out in the boat?" he smiled and waved.

The boy standing at the edge of the water smiled and waved back at the man in the boat, nodding his head vigorously. He looked out over the water, from the reeds thick near the shore, to the men fishing from the other reed canoes, to the mountains on the far side.

He could hardly believe it! Here he was, all the way from Canada, standing on the edge of the highest lake in the world — Lake Titicaca. The very name was magic. He watched the fisherman who had called to him slowly paddle towards the shore — the father of his friend, Juan Quispe.

"Just imagine," he thought, "me — Tommy Bradford — with a real Bolivian friend!"

Juan and his family were Aymarii — they lived here near Lake Titicaca, high in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia. His father was a fisherman, and his mother and brothers and sisters grew potatoes on their small plot of land. Juan was working there now,

Tommy hadn't really understood the man's shouted invitation, because he spoke Aymara, which Tommy didn't understand yet. But the fisherman's motions had made his meaning clear. He was almost at the shore. There he was! Tommy climbed carefully into the reed canoe and they moved out onto Lake Titicaca.

The boy from Canada thought back to the day his father had come from the meeting of the Mission Board to tell them that they were all going to Bolivia. What excitement! They made lists, chose books and favourite toys, packed trunks and boxes. Tommy's father was a teacher, and mother a nurse. They were going to help people like Juan Quispe and his family learn to read and write, to take better care of their health, to live more comfortably, and, above all, to know Jesus Christ. They travelled by ship, and by train, and now they were here. Tommy could scarcely believe it.

He looked up at Juan's father and smiled. "This man is my friend too," thought Tommy. "Soon I will have many Bolivian friends!" (Used by permission)

(The 1965 Missionary Project for Vacation Church Schools across Canada is "Bible Stories and Pictures of Jesus for Children Everywhere", with special emphasis on South America. Your offering at Vacation Church School will help to provide booklets of Bible Stories and pictures in the language that Juan of Bolivia can understand.)

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SO LONG AS THERE ARE HOMES!

THE FUTURE OF the world is not decided at the United Nations, or in the Parliaments of the world. It is decided by the boys and girls in our homes. When God wants to change this world, he puts a child in some home to do it. It is *in* the home that the child gains his sense of values, his inspiration to do worth-while things, and—most of all—his sense of God!

"So long as there are homes to which men turn at close of day,
So long as there are homes where children are, and women stay.
If love and truth and Christian faith be found across those sills,
A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills!
So long as there are homes where fires burn, where there is bread,
So long as there are homes where Christ will fit and prayers are said,
Although people falter through the dark, and nations grope,
With God himself abiding in these homes—we have sure hope!"

—*(From the Editor's Treasure Box)*

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HOW?

"Your task? To build a better world!"
God said, I answered — "How?
This world is such a large, vast place,
So complicated now,
And I so small and useless am
There's nothing *I* can do!"
But God, in His great wisdom said
First — build a better *You!*"

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY FOR OTHERS?

(*Adapted from a Radio Broadcast Given Some Years Ago by Rev. Robert J. McCracken, Riverside Church, New York City.*)

"MORE THINGS are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of". That is a well-known quotation from Tennyson's "Morte d' Arthur," and it is, undoubtedly the verdict of all believing men and women. Prayer is the secret of every life that has exercised a profound and enduring spiritual influence. We know that in it there is available to each of us a power of tremendous magnitude. Why, then, are we so slow to use it?

Too often, we pray only in a crisis—when trouble comes; when disease strikes; when our safety is threatened. Prayer, thus resorted to, principally as a means of obtaining things from God when other means fail, is spasmodic and selfish. No wonder people who pray in this fashion find it unsatisfying! Also, many people in their prayers, have taken over a form of words from their childhood, and are using this with little thought for its meaning, and sometimes without real faith in its power. This is not vital Christian prayer — if, indeed, it is prayer at all!

The difficulties which keep us from using prayer may sometimes be theological. If God knows what people need before we ask Him, why tell him? If, being all-loving and all-wise, He is ready to do what is best for every human being, why pray at all? To enable us to find an answer, let us look in particular at one form of prayer. Let us see what happens when we pray for others.

First of all, have you ever thought of the effect of such prayer on yourself? It is impossible to harbour ill will and animosity against anyone, if you keep praying for him. Whether your prayers have any immediate effect on him or not, this much is certain — you will be the better for them. In this sense, what George Meredith wrote is true —"Who riseth from Prayer a better man, his prayer is answered."

Prayer is the best arbitrator of all differences; the best promoter of true friendships; the best cure for envy and jealousy. Are there people who dislike you, or have injured you — whom you dislike and shun? Pray for them, and you will be more patient and charitable; you will find that you have become a happier person, living in a world that is more friendly than you were accustomed to find it. Says the Bible — "The Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Prayer for others, not only transforms the disposition, it energizes the will. It helps our imagination to picture the situation of other human beings; it troubles the conscience, and kindles affection in the heart; finally, it moves the will to action. True prayer is dynamic. Use it, and you will discover that you can't stop short at praying. If your prayer has any feeling in it, any sincerity, it will constrain you to action.

If you are praying for your friends, for those dear to you, certainly you will be concerned about them, and active in your concern. If, habitually and fervently, you pray for your country, you will be a more conscientious and loyal citizen, making a worth-while contribution to the life of your country. When we pray for others, we are not inducing God to interest Himself in those for whom we pray. We are giving proof to God of our interest in them; we are submitting that interest to Him for purification, and are thus making ourselves sensitive to His guidance, and receptive of His power. More than that, besides opening the way for the Divine grace to pour into our minds, we are charging the environment of our fellows with a spirituality that makes it more easy for them, as well as for us, to know and do the will of God.

Are you fortunate enough to have the assurance that someone is praying for you? It is a heartening, steadying, fortifying influence. "Why is it," an Officer fresh from combat duty, asked his Padre, "that sometimes, when my nerves are on edge, I begin to quiet down, and become as calm and collected as if I were sitting at home in the living room?"

"May it not be," the Padre suggested, "That somebody is praying for you?" Thoughtfully, after a pause, the Officer replied — "Of course! You are right. It is my Mother!"

While we are thinking about ways to unleash the power of prayer, there is this to bear in mind: — it may be that often we do not pray for people and causes, simply because we do not care enough for them; because we are so preoccupied with our own pursuits, and because we lack perception, as well as affection. If we care enough, if we love people and causes enough —our children, our friends, our Church, our Country, those who are in trouble or need — we instinctively turn to God on their behalf, and seek the reinforcing of our love with His. Prayer is, actually, love raised to its greatest power; and the prayer of heartfelt intercession is the noblest and most Christian kind of prayer, because in it Christian love and true personal concern have believingly, reached their highest and widest range.

(From the Editor's Treasure Box)

Still There Is Time!!!

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CERTAINTY

by EMILY DICKENSON

I never saw a moor;
I never saw the sea;
Yet know I how the heather looks,
And what a wave must be!
I never talked with God,
Nor visited in Heaven;
Yet certain am I of the spot
As if a chart were given!

TAKE TIME!

IN THE RUSH of everyday life, the one thing we never seem to have — is *time*! Everyone seems to be in a hurry, and yet how often we feel that we have accomplished little during our busy days.

On the other hand, we often find that "it is the busy person who can always make time to do the extra job." And is this not so? Think of the women in the Church, who find time to visit the Shut-Ins, the Home Helpers, the ones who are ill. Think of the busy housewife and mother, who, in spite of all her duties and responsibilities, will take on extra work in her Church Organizations —even, perhaps, a Sunday School Class, for which no other Leader can be found? Is it because these people have not already enough to do? Oh, no! It is really true that it *is* usually the already busy person who will find the time to carry another responsibility, or to help a friend in time of need. What power and pleasure we could all have, if we would only "take time," at least once in awhile, to "get outside of ourselves" and realize how much of opportunity — and need — there is, just beyond our usual orbit of thinking and doing!

Take time to *Think* — it is the source of power. The majority of creative works have developed over a long period of time, and much intensive thinking and trying. They seldom come from the humdrum— the too-familiar; the generally accepted routine. They are the result of reaching out; thinking deeply; seeking new ventures in understanding and human communication. Education is, first and foremost, a preparation for creative thinking, and for living life more fully and helpfully for those about us. There are some things God cannot do in the world until men *love;* there are some things He cannot do until men *think*. One modern writer says that "for the mass of people in these days, *news* has taken the place of thought"! Often this is sadly true. The Bible gives us guidance in our thinking — as it does for all the ways of our lives. In Philippians 4:8, we read — "Whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are honest; whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Take *time* to think; it *is* the source of power!

Take time to Read — it is the fountain of wisdom! The world is open to the man or woman who will take time to read. One can enjoy travel; one can share the adventure and experiences of other people's lives, both famous and humble, through reading. One can find comfort and guidance for difficult times and decision, through reading. One can receive knowledge and so expand personal horizons, through reading, One can become an understanding part of the whole wide world, and its many differing peoples and ideals — just by reading. Take time to read, not only for information, and for real pleasure, but also to gain the knowledge which will give a fuller life and broadened horizons of the mind.

Take time, also, to *Play* — it is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to Work; it is the price of happiness, satisfaction, and of success. There are two kinds of work. One is the labour that is done only to meet the requirement of earning a living; the other is the work that is done with a desire to earn a living, and also to accomplish something worth-while in life. There is also a third kind of *Work* — and this is the work of the busy wife and mother, which is always a labour of love, done for the well-being and happiness of others, but extending itself, as well, into the whole neighbourhood of her Home, her Church, her City or Town, and the needy peoples of all the world, as far afield as her interest and help can reach them.

Oh yes — take time for Work! But what kind of Work it turns out to be, or how you do it, must depend largely upon yourself — how you think about it; how wide is your vision to make of it a true accomplishment; how eagerly and understandingly you consider and reflect, read and learn, about the world in which you live, and what you can do to make it a better world, because *you* have lived in it. But, above all, and most of all, you must always take time to Worship — time to realize and give thanks for the goodness of the loving Heavenly Father, Who gave you life, and the perceptiveness to live it fully and richly, and in His Service as the years speed by.

(Adapted — L.M.C.)

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ANOTHER NEW DAY!

So here hath been dawning
Another new day;
Think wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?
Out of eternity
This new day is born;
Into eternity,
At night will return.

Behold it, aforetime,
No eye ever did!
And soon it forever
From all eyes is hid.
Here, hath been dawning
Another new day;
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

Thomas Carlyle.

"FILLED WITH THE JOY OF THE LORD!"

A LETTER from Rev. Murray L. Garvin, Presbyterian Missionary in Formosa, tells of his visit to one of the Mountain Churches, which has recently received a portion of the Bible in their own language, and of an offering being received for the Bible Society in appreciation for its work. Mr. Garvin writes in part as follows:—

"On Sunday morning we drove up into the mountains to a Tyal (aboriginal) village, where Rev. Dr. S. Moore Gordon was to preach. Although the Roman Catholic Church had built a large church in the village, the Presbyterians still meet joyfully in a room of the elder's home. Their bamboo church was old and in poor repair, and had to be torn down before the last typhoon.

"Though they have next to none of this world's goods, by any standards, yet they are filled with the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ. But even in their Christian faith, they receive so little help. They have no trained pastor. They know little of the Bible, since there is no one to teach them regularly, and very few portions of the Scripture have been translated into Tyal. Nevertheless, their faith is real and joyous. It was a very great privilege and thrill to worship with them. They sang with marvellous enthusiasm, giving themselves completely to the praising of God. There were two points of climax for us in the service. The first came at the time for the offering, for they had three! First, was the regular weekly offering. Second, was a Special Offering for the Bible Society, to whom they realize they are indebted for their Scriptures. Finally came their monthly tithe. Though these mountain Christians have so little material wealth, they gladly give a tenth of their income, in addition to regular and special offerings. Besides all this, they are also contributing to a special fund for erecting a new stone church building, for which they now have almost half the cost. They have much to teach those of us who have so much, and often give up so little."

Mr. Garvin's letter illustrates how the Bible Society is a partner of the churches in their missionary work, and it also shows that those, for whom the Bible Society provides the Scriptures in their own tongue, appreciate what is done. We, who have had the Bible in our own tongue for centuries, often take it for granted and fail to appreciate it. That little mountain church in Formosa gave an offering to the Bible Society. Does your congregation in Canada show the same sense of gratitude and concern?

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — Delegates from *Penticton, Vernon, Kamloops,* and *Armstrong,* with visitors from *Kelowna,* attended the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Armstrong,* when Guest Speakers were Synodical President, Mrs. Ivan Le Huguet, and Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg. N., home on furlough from *Nigeria.* The Theme was "The Advancement of the Kingdom of God at Home and Abroad." Delegates from *Kitimat, Prince Rupert,* and *Prince George* were not able to be present.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley,* was hostess to the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, when Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg. N., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Afternoon Guest Speaker, and in the Evening showed her interesting slides of Nigeria and her people, as she told of the W.M.S. work there. Mr. Robert Davidson gave the welcome from the Kirk Session, and told of his visit to Livingstone's Memorial in *Scotland.* Mrs. D. W. Dow, of *Cranbrook,* was elected President, and Mrs. I. Le Huguet, Synodical President, installed the 1965 Executive. The Theme of the Sessions was "What does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, interesting Reports were given by all Department Secretaries. The Installation of Officers was conducted by Synodical President, Mrs. I. Le Huguet, with Mrs. W. J. Hogg succeeding Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, as the President.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Westminster Prebyterial was held in Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby.* President, Mrs. O. H. E. Sharp presided, and the Theme was "Sow The Seed Beside All Waters." The Rev. L. Hankinson, B.A., welcomed delegates and visitors, and the Programme followed the purpose and aim of the W.M.S., with special emphasis on the words "the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad." Secretarial Reports were presented in Panel Discussion, and at the afternoon Session, Study Groups were formed with the Secretaries of the Adult, Girls', and Children's Departments, and the Treasurer. Miss Tam Nakamura, Guest Speaker at the Evening Session, showed excellent slides and told of her work among the Koreans in *Japan.* Dinner was served by the Groups of Gordon Church, and the C.G.I.T. Leaders of Westminster Presbyterial provided C.G.I.T. place mats and serviettes, as an expression of gratitude to the W.M.S. Members of C.G.I.T. assisted in serving dinner. The Election and Installation of Officers was conducted by the Rev. D. J. M. Corbett, B.D., Moderator of Westminster Presbytery. Mrs. O. H. E. Sharpe was re-elected President, with Mrs. Daisy Choquette as 1st Vice President. The Rev. L. Hankinson, B.A., Pastor of Gordon Presbyterian Church, gave the Evening Worship Service.

At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, presided, and Mrs. W. G. Robertson conducted the Devotionals. The Rev. P. K. Schnarrenberger was Guest Speaker, and illustrated his address with interesting films of the *Peace River* country. Accompanied by Mrs. Dougherty, a vocal duet was given by Mrs. M. Gordon and Mrs. J. Howie. The Rev. N. G. Robertson closed the Meeting with Prayer, and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

The Marie Douglas Evening Department of the W.M.S. of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby* held their regular January Meeting, when Miss Ellen Douglas, Presbytery Deaconess of *Westminster,* installed the 1965 Executive. At the March Meeting, a "Home-made Candy Pack" was held by this Auxiliary, which later distributed the boxes of candy to local shut-ins, and to Mrs. Roy Mercer, Hospital Visitor for Westminster Presbyterial, for patients in the Hospitals which she visits regularly, Missionary Prayer Cards designed and made by one of the Auxiliary members, each one presenting an Overseas Missionary and her work, were distributed. An interesting Project was the collecting, from old and new issues of "The Glad Tidings", as many pictures and as much information as possible about each Missionary, by the Auxiliary Member whose Prayer Partner she was.

At a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* the Rev. Harry Lennox, C.D., B.A., D.D. conducted the Installation of 1965 Officers, and gave an inspiring Address. At the Business Meeting following the Installation Service, Mrs. R. G. Ellis, the newly-installed President, took the chair, and Mrs. O. R. Hannah conducted the Devotional Period. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of this Auxiliary, the Guest Speaker was Mrs. John A. Williams, whose husband, Dr. Williams, served at one time on the Staff of the Presbyterian Hospital, *Jobat, India,* in the *Bhil Field.* Her interesting address was illustrated by slides of the Hospital and other parts of *India.* Miss Esther Harrop gave the Devotional Period, and a Social Hour of Fellowship was enjoyed later.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon Group of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* heard an excellent Address by the Rev. E. M. E. Wheelock of the Bible House, who spoke on *Ghana* and showed beautifully coloured slides, which emphasized the contrast between old and new, and showed how quickly the African people have taken to new skills, and the use of modern machinery. "Witch Doctors are disappearing," said Mr. Wheelock, as he told of the great need for increase in all types of good Christian literature, which, of course, includes the Bible in the languages and dialects of the people.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church served refreshments at the close of the Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church. On the tea-table, a clever and comprehensive Poster showing the Purpose and the Work of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was displayed, and attracted much interested attention. A Silver Collection was received.

The March Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton* was an historic one—"A Resume of Missionary History." On a large map was marked the points across Canada where Presbyterian work was first carried on, from *Atlin, N.W.T.;* where the first Presbyterian Hospital was started, to the W.M.S. Hospitals at *Vegreville, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Cold Lake, Bonnyville,* and *Rocky Mountain House,* and also the more recent first Missionary Vans, operating in *Peace River, Rocky Mountain House,* and along the *Alaska Highway.* Miss Olive Ross, pioneer Nurse and Deaconess, read an amusing poem account of her first trip to *Grande Prairie,* in the *Peace River* country — by horse-drawn wagons over rough roads and trails, and by rafts (constructed on the spot) across rivers and streams!

Groups formed between 1892 and 1906, in *Lethbridge, Calgary, Fort McLeod, Medicine Hat* and *Edmonton,* joined to form the first Provincial W.M.S. Society, in 1907, with Mrs. D. G. McQueen, President. Her two daughters, Mrs. D. McKnight and Mrs. H. Siemans, arranged and presented this Programme. Tribute was paid to the pioneer Missionary work of Agnes Sorrel Forbes, in the *Grand Prairie* area, and to the splendid work of all these Pioneer Deaconesses, carried on under almost unsurmountable odds. After 1925, Bibles, Hymn Books, and good reading material of all kinds, were collected, and sent out regularly to scattered members throughout *Alberta,* to keep them all in touch with the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Women's Missionary Society. President Mrs. B. McDonald, thanked all who had contributed to this interesting Programme, and a Social Hour over the teacups was enjoyed.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Whitehorse, Yukon,* recently held a Pot Luck Supper and Social Evening in the Church Hall. During the Supper Hour, the Past President, Mrs. Robson, in the absence of President, Mrs. Walker, gave an informative Report on the work of the Women's Missionary Society, in Canada and Overseas. The Mission Convener, Mrs. Banks, showed a series of films on Mission Work of The Presbyterian Church in *Formosa.* Members of the congregation were especially invited to attend this Social Evening so that they might hear more about the work of the W.M.S., and in the hope of forming a Home Helpers W.M.S. Group. An Hour of Social Fellowship followed the Programme.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg. N., a Missionary Nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital at *Uburu, Nigeria,* was Guest

Speaker at the Meeting of the Ladies Aid Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Valley Centre*. Visitors were present from the *Edwell,* and *Willowdale* districts. Miss Taylor's Address on her work in *Nigeria,* and her interesting slides of that country and its people, were both enjoyable and informative, and the members are most grateful to the W.M.S. for making it possible for small Groups to meet the Missionaries, and to learn about the W.M.S. work at first-hand, in this way.

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SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* with a good attendance of delegates, and President, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, presiding. The Theme of the Meetings was "Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes". The Rev. R. A. Davidson, B.A., Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, conducted the Worship Service, and Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization of the W.M.S. (W.D.) *Toronto* was Guest Speaker. In addition to her interesting Address, Miss Reith was most gracious and helpful in all phases of Synodical Departmental Work, during the Sessions, and stressed especially, the need for more members in all Groups.

Reports from Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups showed that although membership has fallen off, the Offerings have increased. Miss Hilda Blackwell, Presbytery Deaconess from *Prince Albert,* reported a new group organized at *Weekes,* and told of a yearly In Memoriam gift sent in regularly from the *Pambrum* W.M.S. Group, in memory of Mrs. Brell, a well-loved member and lifelong W.M.S. worker. Reports from Home Helpers, Girls' and Children's Departments, and also C.G.I.T., showed the great need for Leaders.

The Afternoon Session opened with Camp Reports—the Rev. C. Quinn reported *Camp Christopher;* the Rev. G. Duncan spoke on *Camp Kum - Bah - Yeh.* Mrs. Davidson gave the Report on Ewart College, *Toronto,* and Mrs. C. Wilson, *Saskatoon* told of the new Presbyterian Fellowship House in *Prince Albert,* which fills a real need for Indian, Metis, and other boys who are away from their own homes. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. White. During the Tea Break, a splendid Book Display from the Publications Department, was well presented by Mrs. H. K. Caslor, Synodical Literature Secretary. Reports were read by the Secretaries of Glad Tidings; Press; Supply; Welcome and Welfare; and Life Membership. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. J. Millar, Treasurer, and some discussion of finances followed.

Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from India, in her Address told of her work in India, and pointed out the faithfulness of the native women, who make it a point always to come to meetings, which are held each week, although they walk for miles so that they may attend. She asked us, who have so much, to share with these needy ones of *India,* who have so little; to put more effort into our Christian life, and to give of our time and talents to help our Missionaries.

At the Dinner Hour, the Rev. Malcolm Muth, B.A., of *North Battleford,* brought greetings from the Synod of Saskatchewan. Officers for 1965-66 were installed by the Rev. L. S. Van Mossel, B.A., Minister of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon.*

At a Special Meeting, the C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the C.G.I.T. Programme, when guests included former Leaders, Members, and their Mothers, Jeanine Holmgren led the Evening Worship Service, and Miss Evelyn Murdoch, the Guest Speaker, gave an interesting outline of C.G.I.T. history. Several Skits were presented by the Group members, portraying the year's activities. Following the Programme, tea was served from a table, effectively decorated in C.G.I.T. colours and centred with a beautiful Anniversary Cake, bearing the C.G.I.T. emblem. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., of *Toronto,* Executive Director of National Missions of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) and formerly a C.G.I.T. leader at Parkview Prebyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* cut the Anniversary Cake, and Mrs. W. Moir and Mrs. M. Hailwood presided at the tea-table.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* with fifty delegates in attendance from *Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Wellwood, Dauphin, Minnedosa, Elphinstone, Virden,* and the three *Brandon* Churches. President Mrs. George Bain presided at all Sessions. Miss Merle McGowan, Missionary in *British Guiana* was Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid picture of this troubled country and the faithfulness of the Presbyterian Church of *British Guiana,* despite many difficulties. Reports were reviewed by Regional Secretary Miss Dorothy Keller, of *Winnipeg,* showing an active year in all Departments. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Henderson, of *Portage la Prairie,* and the Guest Soloist was Mrs. W. H. Vopni, of

Portage la Prairie, accompanied by Mrs. William Hamilton. Plans were made for a Rally to be held in *Wellwood* in June; Mrs. George Bain and Mrs. W. B. Lawrence were appointed Presbyterial delegates to the Annual Council Meetings in *Toronto;* and Synodical delegates to the *Port Arthur* Meetings were Mrs. J. A. Andrews; Mrs. Bain, Mrs. J. J. Thomson of *Carberry;* and Mrs. Edith Leeson. The Heather Club of First Presbyterian Church served lunch, and the Chi-Rho Club served Afternoon Tea, Mrs. M. McDougall, of *Neepawa,* gave the Report of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. George Bain, of *Brandon* was re-elected to the Presidency. Miss Dorothy Keller conducted the Installation Service for the newly-elected Executive.

Miss Elinor Armitage, third-year student at *Brandon* College, who attended the 7th Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Convention at *Urbana, Illinois, U.S.A.,* was Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon.* She told of the inspiration given at this Meeting, when 7,000 students from all over the *United States, Canada,* and many foreign students who are studying in our countries, joined together in fellowship and mutual interest. Miss Armitage stressed the purpose and work of the local Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Group. Mrs. Angus Kellie, Auxiliary President, thanked the Speaker.

Reports from the Annual Meeting of *Brandon* Presbyterial were heard at this Meeting, and plans completed for the Spring Thank-Offering Meeting. The Auxiliary Vice-President, Mrs. O. S. Stapleton was honoured with the Presentation of a Life Membership Certificate by the members of her Auxiliary, and by the Presentation of a life Membership Pin, by Mrs. Angus Kellie. Warm appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Stapleton for her active and faithful service in the W.M.S. work, as well as in all the other areas of Church life. Particular reference was made to her influential Leadership of a most enthusiastic C.T.I.T. Group.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* with delegates from *Brandon, Winnipeg,* and *Superior* Presbyterials in attendance. President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, of *Fort William,* presided, and the Minister of the Church, the Rev. J. Clarke Hood, welcomed the Synodical and conducted the Service of Worship. The Theme of the Meetings was "The Sower and The Seed." Presbyterial Greetings were brought by Mrs. G. Bain, for *Brandon* Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick, from *Winnipeg*; Mrs. H. T. Johnson, from *Superior.* Mrs. W. T. Ross was Organist.

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, for the W.M.S., *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker and at the Afternoon Session, she was introduced by Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, and spoke of *Ewart College, Toronto,* from its beginning in 1897 to the present day. Following the "Tea Break," Reports from *Winnipeg* Presbyterial were received. At Dinner, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* welcomed guests, and the Rev. J. Clarke Hood said Grace. Greetings were presented by the Rev. D. J. Firth, Moderator of Synod; Rev. A. H. Johnston, Rev. J. G. Witt, and the Rev. J. Clarke Hood. Many letters and greetings were read by Mrs. J. Fidler.

The Evening Worship Service was given by the Rev. Firth, and the Choir of First Presbyterian Church, sang. Miss Merle McGowan, on furlough from *British Guiana,* was the Evening Guest Speaker, introduced by Miss Dorothy Keller, and showing pictures of *British Guiana,* and the work there, she gave a graphic picture of the political unrest in that country; of the Presbyterian work carried on there, and of her own duties there as Director of Christian Education. Miss Louise Reith, M.A., closed the Session with Prayer.

The Friday Morning Session opened with a Worship and Communion Service, conducted by the Rev. J. Clarke Hood. Reports were heard from *Brandon* Presbyterial, led by Mrs. J. J. Thomson; from the Provincial Council of Women, by Mrs. Kirkpatrick; from the Interchurch Council, by Mrs. A. H. McKay, who closed the Session with prayer. At the Afternoon Session, opened by the Rev. R. G. Witt, who conducted the Worship Service, Reports from Superior Presbyterial were given, led by Mrs. H. T. Johnston, and Miss Louise A. Reith gave an Address on "The Importance of the Work of Women Within The Church." She also told of her experiences last summer as a Presbyterian Representative at the World Alliance Conference of Reformed Churches, held at *Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany.*

Mrs. G. E. Blake presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. The newly-elected Executive of this Synodical is now centred in *Winnipeg,* having moved from the *Lakehead,* and Mrs. A. H. McKay was elected President, to succeed Mrs. H. J. Loney, who is now Immediate Past President. Mrs. Merle McGowan installed and re-dedicated the Officers of the 1965 Executive, and Mrs. G. McCutcheon closed this 51st Annual Meeting with prayer. It was announced that the Synodical Meetings in 1966, will be held in *Brandon.*

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Groups of Elmwood, Calvin, and St. James Presbyterian Churches of *Winnipeg,* held their 50th Anniversary Celebration at Calvin Church. The Programme, in the Church Hall, consisted of Sing-Song, conducted by Mrs. Joanne Instance; "Fashion Highlights

Through The Years", a skit given by the Elmwood Group; a Handwork Corner, where everyone was invited to make their own souvenirs with Anniversary Pins. From here, everyone went upstairs to the Church, where "The Passing of the Lights" Ceremony was given. This depicts the Word of God passed from the oldest to the youngest, symbolizing the light of Christ, carried on in C.G.I.T. through the years. Candle-Lighters were Mrs. J. Draffin, Mrs. R. Bell, and Mrs. C. Coulter. Sandra Collins conducted the Service, assisted by Barbara Bell, and Miss Merle McGowan, on furlough from *British Guiana,* in her address, told of her Missionary work in that land. All proceeds of the Anniversary Party will go to the C.G.I.T. Project in *Indonesia.* Seventy guests were present, including Miss Iris Ford, Miss Dorothy McCombie, Mrs. Florence Sinclair, Mrs. Pearl MacLean, and Mrs. Joanne Instance. Refreshments were served in the Church Hall.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Southampton,* with President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, presiding, and the Theme of the Meeting was "Reasonable Service." Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions of the W.M.S., was Guest Speaker, and told of our W.M.S. work among the Indians and the Chinese, and of the many problems facing those who work as Inner City Missionaries. Mrs. T. Patterson, of *Chesley,* was Soloist, and the Installation of Officers was conducted by Miss Giollo Kelly.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Dresden,* has been greatly saddened by the recent death of a devoted member, Mrs. C. R. Gammage, in her 84th year. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGregor, Mrs. Gammage was born in *Ridgetown.* Throughout her lifetime, she gave liberally of her time and talents to the work of her Church and her W.M.S. Auxiliary, and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — A Sunday Morning Missionary Service was held in New Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* when five girls, whose Junior Certificates had been completed, were presented with Life Membership Certificates in the W.M.S., by the Minister, the Rev. George Murdock, B.A. These were Miss Constance Greenwood — C.G.I.T.; Miss Leeanne Greenwood—C.G.I.T.; Miss Joyce Bradt — Leader of the Explorers; Miss Leslie Fergusson — Assistant to the Explorer Leader; Miss Kathleen Ayan — Explorers. Tamiko Nakamura, on furlough from her work among the Koreans in *Japan,* was Guest Speaker Luncheon was served by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Rosalind Goforth Auxiliary of the W.M.S. Mrs. Norman Anderson, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, thanked Miss Nakamura.

At the Joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the "Mary Edith" and the "Stone Church" Auxiliaries of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Walpole Township,* Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg. N., on furlough from her work at *Uburu Hospital, Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker. Miss Taylor, who is the "Prayer Partner" of these Auxiliaries, was introduced by Mrs. William Lint, and thanked by Mrs. G. Taylor Munroe. Her interesting Address was highlighted by excellent slides of *Nigeria,* its people, and *Uburu Hospital. Mrs.* Roy Jepson and Mrs. Lawson Campbell, Presidents of the two Auxiliaries, presided, and took part in the opening Devotional, with Mrs. Lloyd Rutherford, who offered prayer. The Junior Choir sang, with organ accompaniment by Miss Brenda Rutherford. The Rev. Granville Taylor Munroe closed the Meeting with prayer, after which refreshments were enjoyed in the Church Hall.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — Following their custom of many years, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* met at the home of Mrs. W. Morgan, to honour the birthday of a beloved and long-time member, Mrs. Nelson Brown. Presbyterial President, Mrs. George Corman, spoke on the work of Mrs. Brown's sister, Miss Margaret Ramsay, in *British Guiana.* Mrs. Hilda Miller, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a small gift to Mrs. Brown.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* sponsored a Valentine Tea. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. James Ingram and Mrs. Marvin Davis; C.G.I.T. Leader, Miss Joanne Letink and C.G.I.T. President, Miss Margaret MacNaul, poured tea; and those serving were Miss Janet Jennings, Miss Marilyn Bremner, Mrs. Robert MacNaul, and Mrs. Henry Letink.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* held a 40th Anniversary Tea, at which Mrs. G. M. Thomson gave the Auxiliary History Highlights, and Mrs. John Maich, a Charter Member, cut the Anniversary Cake. Blue candles, flanking the cake, were lighted by Mrs. Walter Barthwick, Sr. Assistants were Mrs. Andrew Donaldson, Mrs. Alex Thorburn, Miss Enid McColl, Mrs. Jane Sedgewich, and Mrs. George Corman.

Celebrating their 55th Anniversary, the C.G.I.T. Group of Alexandra Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* held an Anniversary Tea, the proceeds of which will go toward the National C.G.I.T. Project in *Indonesia.* Guests were greeted by the C.G.I.T. President, Miss Dixie Pringle, and Group Superintendent, Miss Margaret Cassels. Pouring Tea were Mrs. Ray Collins, Mrs. Wm. Cowburn, Mrs. John Meyers, of *Ancaster,* and Mrs. Wm. Skelly.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive of this Presbyterial met in *Barrie,* with President, Mrs. E. McClung in the Chair. Arrangements were completed for the Annual Rally to be held in *Stayner,* in May, when Miss Sushila Patras of *India,* and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., on furlough from her work with the Mobile Clinics on the *Bhil Field, India,* will be Guest Speakers. A Workshop for Leaders of Children's and Girls' Groups is being planned.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* at a recent Meeting, presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Olive Fleming, in appreciation of her faithful work in the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Gwen Herbison, widow of a former Minister of this Church, was also honoured by the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate. Mrs. Herbison is making her home in *Huntsville,* and continuing in the work of her W.M.S. Auxiliary.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — A well-known pioneer member of this Presbyterial, Miss Grace Carruthers, aged 94, who during her lifetime gave much of her time and talents to the W.M.S. and to her Church, passed away recently at the *Belmont House,* in *Toronto.* Born on a farm near *Cobourg,* Miss Carruthers taught for many years in a School for Negro Children in *Thomasville, South Georgia.* Returning to live with her sister, Mrs. Alex Skinner, in *Cobourg,* she was an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there, and served as the President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church for some time. During the ten years which she spent in *Belmont House, Toronto,* she was always keenly interested in the work of the W.M.S., and she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Nashville* Presbyterian Church held a "Get Acquainted" Tea in the Schoolroom of the Church, when some fifty ladies of the Village and the Community, gathered to meet their neighbours. A Baby-Sitting Service was offered, to allow the Mothers a time of fellowship, free from the little folk. About twelve children enjoyed refreshments and play in the Kindergarten Room.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

HIGHLIGHTS? They were everywhere! First, perhaps, the weather — warm, golden sunshine for every day of the Council Meetings; trees all beautiful with young green leaves; Spring blossoms, colourful and lovely, suddenly burgeoning all around, wherever one might look! And then, of course, the Delegates themselves — converging by plane, train, bus or car, from all points of the compass, to represent the W.M.S. women of all our seven Synodicals at this 50th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), held in Ewart College Toronto, from May 10th to May 14th, 1965, and to meet again — or maybe for the first time — the members of Council Executive, who had for weeks been planning the Programme, and all the many details of this Annual W.M.S. Council Meeting!

That was a glad and happy, busy afternoon — those hours of arrival and registration! Such delighted and joyous reunions there were on that first Monday afternoon; such interested new meetings and introductions; such a general air of home-coming content, as almost all of the Delegates "settled-in" once again in Ewart College! For this was really their "home away from home," not only because of its all-embracing warmth and hospitality, but because they had all worked together and helped so earnestly through the previous years, with their generous gifts, strong support, and steadfast prayers, to make this modern, well-equipped Presbyterian College for Women, the perfect reality it is today, as it stands on the site of the former Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess School, and fulfills its purpose so perfectly.

The delicious Buffet Supper served at 6.30 p.m. that first evening was a delightful get-together for everyone, provided by the Central Committee of the Evening Department of West Toronto and East Toronto Presbyterials, and was indeed an Opening Highlight which was much appreciated. With the exception of this Supper, all the other meals were served in the Cafeteria, by the College staff, and wonderfully well accomplished, despite the large and hungry crowd. Every afternoon a much appreciated "Tea Break" was enjoyed, when tea and homemade cookies were provided and served by members of the East and West Toronto Presbyterials. The Principal, Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., absent on a Recruitment Mission in the Maritimes, was unable to be present at the Council Meetings, but Miss Ada Adams, the Dean of Ewart College, welcomed delegates and Council members, and was a kind and hospitable Hostess, who looked well after the comfort and convenience of her guests. All during the five days of the Annual Council Meetings, the ladies of Toronto and Kingston Synodical were busy everywhere with their welcoming hospitality and friendliness. Prior to the Buffet Supper, delegates were especially welcomed by the Reception Committee — Mrs. A. S. Curr; Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc.; Mrs. W. J. Head, President of East Toronto Presbyterial; Mrs. S. J. Milne, President, West Toronto Presbyterial; Mrs. Fred Black, General Convener, and President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical.

At 8 P.M. on Monday night, came the Opening Meeting in the roomy Auditorium. While the capacity audience joined in the singing of Hymn No. 136, "Glory Be To God, the Father," the Choir, composed of Council Members in caps and gowns, led the Processional up the aisle, followed by Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College; Miss A. S. Curr, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.); the Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., D.D., Moderator, the 90 General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church in Canada; and the Rev. J. A. Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., Home Missions Secretary, General Board of Missions, the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. MacMillan, who gave the Opening Worship Service, based his remarks on 1st Corinthians, Chapter 6, verses 12 to 20, and related his address to the 20th verse — "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," and the Annual Council Theme — "To Serve The Present Age." "The Bible speaks in terms of the present, then the past, then the future," said Dr. MacMillan. "These verses are particularly interesting from the viewpoint of the Gentile world. They really seem to have been written for the present times. Surely our Ministry to the present age is to establish the Church of Jesus Christ in the world today." He concluded with pointing out the place and work of women in bringing this ministry to pass.

After Constituting the Council, President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, introduced Dr. J. A. Munro, the Guest Speaker of the evening, who brought Greetings from the General Board of Missions, and gave a most interesting and stirring Address. "The Church of Jesus Christ in this age must *understand* this age," he said. "Must reach out into all avenues of knowledge to know what it is. We know that, in this age, both men and women are *thinking;* they are open to the stimulation of teaching. Men and women must join hands in seeing that people understand what the Church *is.* Actually, what the Church is doing as a Church is tremendous! Yet, all too often, the Churches seem to tend to stand aloof from problems which are trying the souls of national leaders. As Christians, we need to come to grips with the problems of our age—seek to understand; research; speak from strength and knowledge. Whether Church, Home or Individual, we must realize that we have been 'bought with a price'; must know we are actually the body of Christ, and be ready to bear the marks of real sacrifice. That home which gives a real knowledge of Jesus Christ is an Ambassador of God, in a way that no one else can be!" Dr. Munro was thanked by President, Mrs. Curr, who then gave a brief Presentation of the Council Programme.

A Reception for Dr. Munro, who is retiring this year from his position of Home Missions Secretary of the General Board of Missions, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in the attractive lounge of Ewart College at the close of the Meeting. This proved to be a delightful affair, with a complete "Surprise Presentation" to Dr. Munro, from the delegates and Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), to which he has given so many years of helpful co-operation and guidance. With President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, presiding, the Immediate Past President, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, in her brief Address referred to Dr. Munro as "A Missionary Statesman," and on behalf of the Society presented him with a Life Membership in the W.M.S. Miss Giollo Kelly, Executive Director of National Missions in Council Executive, who, previous to her appointment with the W.M.S., had served for nine years in Dr. Munro's Office, spoke of him as "a staunch friend of the W.M.S.," as she pinned a white carnation in his buttonhole, and, last but not least, the President, Mrs. Curr, presented to Dr. Munro, as a gift expressing the appreciation of all the members of the W.M.S., a beautifully-wrapped little "book," which turned out to be a handsome and well-filled Wallet. Almost overcome with surprise and emotion, Dr. Munro accepted these gifts of affection in a witty little speech, which brought rounds of applause from the large gathering of friends who were there, to wish him well, and to express their admiration for all the wonderful support he had given to the Missionary work of our Church, and especially in Canada, throughout the years. The refreshments were provided by the Evening Department of the W.M.S.

Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Director of Immigration for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, who came from Montreal to conduct the Worship Services on each of the four mornings, gave the first Service of the Series based on the Theme of the Meetings "To Serve The Present Age," on Tuesday morning, using the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah. Each morning, the dignified and beautiful Chapel was filled to capacity with delegates from near and far, most of whom remembered with warm affection the many years of devoted service given by Miss Matthews through the years, when she was a most-appreciated member of the W.M.S. Staff, and latterly, before her retirement, was Executive Director of National Missions. Everyone felt that these splendid Worship Services really set the standard for the work of the day to follow, and gave true inspiration and help to all who heard them, and Miss Matthews has kindly given us permission to publish these in The Glad Tidings, so that all our readers may share in them, and possibly use them in Auxiliary Worship Periods. The first Service appears in this issue of our magazine, and the others will follow month by month. Mrs. Harold Keefer, of Trenton, Council Vice-President, was the Organist at all Sessions, as she has so kindly officiated at many previous Council Meetings. As always, her fine Accompaniments, perceptively and understandingly given, added a great deal to the beauty and meaning of each Service.

Following the President's Constitution of Council; and the Roll Call by Secretary, Mrs. Philp; the Reception of Reports was moved by Mrs. Fred Black, of Toronto, seconded by Mrs. I. LeHuguet, of Vancouver, and carried. This was followed by the Introduction of the Staff of the five Departments, by the Directors and the Treasurer. Miss E. L. McClelland, then moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Statement, which was seconded by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Toronto, and agreed. The Report of the Peace Thanks-giving Fund was presented by Miss McClelland. The Report of the Board of Trustees, prepared by the Chairman, Mrs. G. R. Pye, was read in her absence. The Anniversary Book Fund was reported by the Treasurer, and the Policy for this Fund, was discussed. Council Executive Minutes concerning this noted that "Moved by Mrs. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. MacInnes—any money, which remains after the expenses of the Anniversaries' celebrations have been covered, be spent for the training of workers both at home and overseas. Agreed." The Terms of Reference for this Anniversary Book Fund Policy were presented in detail, thoroughly discussed, and on motion of Mrs. W. B. Lawrence, Brandon, and Mrs. W. M. Boyd, Cornwall, agreed to. It was also agreed that the interest from the Legacy and Special Funds be added to the Pension and Retirement Fund.

Except for the "Tea Break," all of Tuesday afternoon was given for the "Presentation of 1966 Estimates, by the Treasurer, during which each Director spoke to her own Departmental Estimate, explaining it in detail. This year, in order that more people could come to see the Departmental Presentations, it was decided that instead of all these being presented on one crowded day, two evenings would be reserved for Departmental Presentations of the Work of the Society. On Tuesday evening three Presentations were given—National Missions; Finance Department; Organization Department—Children and Youth. On Wednesday evening the Presentations were—Overseas Missions; Publication Department, and Organization Department—Adult. Each Presentation was given three times during the evening, and each was viewed by three different Groups in turn. Reports of these, except the Publications, are well given elsewhere in this issue by the Directors, Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.; Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A.; Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.; so will not be repeated here.

The Director, Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, and Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Chairman of the Publications Committee, welcomed each Group of interested delegates and friends, and introduced the Staff of this Department, through whose loyal co-operation and help all the many phases of this busy Department are carried on—Miss Flora MacPherson, Secretarial Assistant to the Director; Mrs. Norma McComb; Mailing and Order Clerk; Mrs. Mildred Preston, Senior Steno-Secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hipgrave, Senior Typist. The focal points of the Publications Presentation were of course, the attractive and extensive Display from the Literature Section, and "The Glad Tidings," the Official Magazine of the W.M.S. The Literature Display, in charge of Miss MacPherson and Mrs. McComb, stressed the wide choice of helpful reading material, and excellent Resource and Reading Books, which are always available to W.M.S. members through this Department, as well as through the numerous Book Displays and Travelling Book Stores, which, on request, are sent throughout our seven Synodicals. All through the days of the Council Meetings this Literature Display drew large numbers of keenly interested delegates; over $225.00 worth of books were sold and many orders placed for later delivery; the girls were kept busy, also, recommending books, and giving first hand information to the many enquiries about the excellent helps, both for Groups and individual members, which may be found through the Literature Section of the Publications Department. Mrs. McComb drew attention to the two large Posters, which emphasized Devotional, Study, and Resource Books, and spoke briefly of the various ways in

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PRAYER

by MRS. AUSTIN BEATTIE

House Mother
Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Eternal God and Father, blessed art Thou and greatly to be praised. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all Thy gracious benefits which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Especially do we give Thee thanks for the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself by taking upon Him our sin and shame when He died the death of the cross. We praise Thee that today He is a risen Saviour, and that He dwells in us by faith. We come to Thee through Him; we praise Thee for the privilege that is ours and for the power of prayer.

As we seek Thy face we are conscious that Thou knowest all about us: our innermost thoughts and desires, the intents of our hearts and the motives behind our actions. Show us our secret sins, we pray Thee. We confess our selfishness and come to Thee for cleansing. Lord, by Thy Spirit fill us; may we daily know the joy of Thy presence that we might show forth the love of Christ to others.

We would bring before Thee the Church. Bless all those who serve Thee in this land or in regions beyond the seas. May they be faithful to Thee and to Thy Word. When the way is difficult, grant Thy sustaining grace; where there is persecution for Thy sake give Thy children the assurance that Thou dost understand, and that Thou dost care. Be very near to those who are at present taking courses in preparation for work overseas; may they be nourished and guided by Thee.

Lord, we praise Thee that everyone is precious in Thy sight, both old and young, from the greatest to the least. So we commend to Thee our gracious Queen and all who have authority over us. May they look to Thee for wisdom and strength. Surround with Thy love the sick, the lonely and the bereaved; grant to them Thy peace which comes through Christ alone.

Very specially, we give Thee thanks for the opportunities afforded at this season of the year. As many draw aside for bodily rest, may they also be renewed by Thee. But as others seek to serve Thee in special fields of service, we would ask Thy blessing upon them. We would remember students on summer mission fields, and workers who are engaged in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and camps, across our country. Use them for Thy glory, we pray.

Accept our prayer, O Lord, and answer according to Thy most holy will. Ever keep us looking to Thee and waiting for our Saviour's return in glory. We ask it all in His Matchless Name. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING MESSAGE

MRS. A. S. CURR

(Acceding to the united request of the Nominating Committee, the strong desire of the members of Council Executive, and the unanimous vote of the Delegates attending the 50th Annual Council Meeting, in Ewart College, Toronto, Ontario, Mrs. A. S. Curr, of Downsview, Ontario, President for the past four years, accepted her re-election to a fifth term (an extra year) as President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As she brought the final Session of the 1965 Council Meeting to a close, Mrs. Curr gave to the members this strong and vital message which, based on the Theme of the Meeting, presents a personal challenge to every W.M.S. woman for the year ahead.)

"TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE"

by (MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

"YOU DO NOT BELONG to yourselves. You are bought with a price. Then honour God in your body." (First Corinthians — Chapter 6; verse 20. — Phillips Translation) Looking at this Theme, we find much food for thought.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE? It simply means to work for another. We often hear people spoken of as being the servants of their country. We are servants of the King of Kings. We serve in His name.

The present age is an age of Confusion, Fear, Uncertainty. It is an age of hunger of mind, body, and spirit.

He who took upon Himself the form of a servant says to us — "Give ye them to eat. Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs."

WE MUST FEED THE MIND — We are hearing a great deal today about the "Feed the Minds Campaign." In order to meet this need, we must provide good reading material, remembering that there are thousands of men, women, and children, in countries which used to be illiterate, who are now learning to read and write. "Good reading is food to the mind and nourishment to the soul."

FEED THE BODY — This does not merely mean providing daily bread. In order to feed the body, we must provide tools to cultivate, provide services to help today's hungry millions to support themselves. This does not, perhaps, apply to us, as W.M.S. members, but we must remember that we are a part of the Church; and we must remember that there is a Missionary Engineer in India, and a Missionary Architect in Nigeria, and that these people, under the direction of the General Board of Missions, are teaching the people how to support themselves. We must make others our chief concern, and so must identify ourselves with people. They won't come to us, therefore, we must go to them. We see this carried out in our "Mission to the Inner City." Here the Church goes to the people. Our Lord always identified Himself with people. He went to the sick, as He entered the homes; He was to be found where the crowds were; and there we find Him, moved with compassion as He looked upon them in their need.

"TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE" — we, too, must be moved with compassion —

"Except I am moved with compassion
How dwelleth Thy Spirit in me?
In word and in deed, burning love is my need,
I know I can find them in Thee!"

"TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE" — We need understanding, tolerance, enthusiasm, and concern for people. We, in Canada, have so much, while others have so little. Someone has written, regarding Canadians — "Canadians are the best fed; the best clothed; the best housed; the best read; the most secure — and the most discontented — in the world!"

"TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE" — We must be witnesses, or Missionaries, in every phase of our daily living. Dr. J. A. McKay, of Princeton Theological Seminary, while speaking to a large crowd in Glasgow, Scotland, said this —

"Only as Church members become Christ's Missionaries in their several vocations; in government and diplomacy; in industry and commerce; in the home and in the classroom; in the clinic and on the farm; will men perceive that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life."

I would like to leave with you these words, by an unknown writer, concerning the world's need. "Jesus said, 'make the men sit down.' Jesus had compassion on men in their hunger. Teach us, Lord, to share Thy compassion. Keep us mindful of the multitudes in many lands who go without bread. May our caring for them shine like a light within our Nation, so that Government and people may bear this upon their hearts. Jesus said, 'Man does not live by bread alone.' Jesus was always looking to men's inner needs. Teach us, Lord, in this day, when so many seek a welfare that does not satisfy the whole man, to remember the hidden man of the heart in others, and so share the bread which cometh from above.

"Jesus said, 'I am come that they may have life.' Jesus brings all that men need. Teach us, Lord, what Thy gift of life means. Give us grace to look upon the multitude who are without Thy gift, and to be moved with compassion. Out of our abundance in the Gospel, give us a heart to share what we have received."

We should always remember that we go forth "to serve the present age," not alone, but in His name.

"Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, desire to know
In all I think, or speak, or do."

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What I Can Do!

Thou cans't not move the hills, nor
turn the tide,
Thou cans't not right the world's
vast load of wrong,
Then, from the vain endeavour,
turn aside—
Thus, the sirens in their ancient
song!
But, undismayed, the pioneer replied:—
"Though sea and mountain bow not
to my will,
Yet I will make a boat to cross the
tide,
And I can make a road to cross the
hill!"

(Selected)

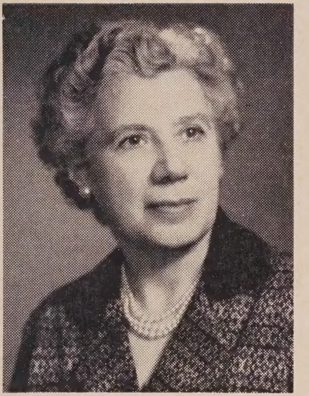
TRIBUTE OF REMEMBRANCE

IN APRIL of this year, there passed away at her home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, at the fine old age of 104 years, Mrs. Margaret Grant—one of the most outstanding of those pioneer members of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) whose faithful work, both prior to, and after, Church Union in 1925, made firm, and preserved, the staunch foundations of our Society, as we know it today. She was a Charter Member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon; presided at the organization of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church; and, at the Fall Rally of Saskatoon Presbyterial in 1959, was presented, by Mrs. B. Edwards, on behalf of the Presbyterial, with an Honorary Membership, in tribute to her many years of faithful service, leadership, and example in the Women's Missionary Society, and as a token of admiration, affection and esteem from those who had been privileged to work with her through the years.

When, in 1925, a Provisional Presbyterial of Prince Albert and Saskatoon was formed, Mrs. Margaret Grant was the first President, and, in this capacity, she attended the General Assembly Meeting in Toronto, when "Church Union" became a fact, but *not* for the Presbyterian Church, which remained what it had always been. "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," as it is today. Following this, she represented her Presbyterial at the Council Executive Meeting, also in Toronto. Returning to her own Presbyterial, where she continued as President through 1926, and was returned to that office again in the middle 1930s, Mrs. Grant worked actively in extending the outreach of the W.M.S., and she helped to establish the Sectional Meetings, the first of which was held in Rosetown, in 1928.

During the years following 1925, Mrs. Grant gave liberally of her time and energy to the contacting of families in the northern areas of the West, who were out of touch, and in danger of losing their association, with the Presbyterian Church, in those difficult days. Always, she was keenly interested in the Chinese newcomers to Canada, both men and women, and they always found a warm welcome in her hospitable home, which was freely opened to them, and where they found kind Christian fellowship and guidance, as they learned our language and customs.

Born in Ilderton, Ontario, Mrs. Grant moved to Western Canada in 1912, following the death of her husband in 1910. Her son, Leslie, died in 1950. Two daughters survive her—Mrs. C. W. Downer, and Miss Marion Grant, both of Saskatoon — and to them is extended the sincere sympathy of the members of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), of which their Mother was so devoted a member. (L. M. C.)


MISS MATTHEWS

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 10th-14th, 1965

by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

Director of Immigration, The Presbyterian Church in Canada

(Those who attended the Annual Council Meeting in Ewart College, Toronto, last May, carried away with them the help and inspiration received each morning at the Services of Worship given in the lovely Chapel of the College by Miss Frieda E. Matthews, who is now the Director of Immigration for the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with her headquarters in Montreal, Quebec. For many years, Miss Matthews was a member of the W.M.S. Staff in Toronto, and, in the years before her retirement, she was well known throughout the Society as the Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive. We are most grateful to Miss Matthews for her kind permission to publish these four Services of Worship in "The Glad Tidings," and so bring to all our readers the opportunity of sharing in these Services, both personally and by using them in their own Auxiliary Meetings. This is the Opening Service, and the Second Service will appear in the September issue.)

SERVICE I

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 95 — Verses 1 to 7

"O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

PRAYER — Our loving heavenly Father, who art the Lord of all, Almighty Creator, Ruler above all other rulers, we ask that Thou wilt be near unto us in these moments of meditation, praise and prayer. May our thoughts be lifted above the little things of life, which crowd about us, to the wonder and greatness of Thy love to all mankind in the giving of Thine only Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 204

"O my Saviour, lifted
From the earth for me,
Draw me, in Thy mercy,
Nearer unto Thee."

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Isaiah 53 — Verses 1 to 12

MEDITATION — 1 Corinthians, Chapter 6; Verse 20

"For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

PHILLIPS TRANSLATION — "You have been bought, and at what a price. Therefore bring glory to God both in your body and in your spirit, for they both belong to Him."

In the Scripture passage from Isaiah, we read of the prophecy of our Lord's coming, and of the sacrifice which would be made that we might be redeemed. We know that this prophecy was fulfilled, and that Christ, our Saviour, gave His life that all who believe in Him might be saved.

Think of the words of that familiar Hymn — No. 213 —

"Man of sorrow! what a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!"

NO WONDER PAUL WROTE — "Ye are bought with a price." What price? The Father gave the Son — His only begotten Son. The Son gave His happiness, glory and life.

"BOUGHT WITH A PRICE" — bought with hunger in the desert, when He would not make the stones into bread; bought with the tears He shed over the sins of men; bought with the sweat of Gethsemane, which was like great drops of blood; bought with the bitter cross, where they broke His body in death; bought with the deathless love which through all the years has refused resolutely to let the world go.

MEASURE THE PRICE — by the desertion, the betrayal, the agony of the Cross — the heartbreak as He bore "the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors."

AGAIN, OF THE PRICE — In Phillipians, Chapter 2, Verses 7 and 8, we read "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

And when we look, and look again at the Cross of Jesus Christ, we begin to understand what it **cost** God to forgive the sin of the world. Sin is not something that can be cancelled with a stroke of a pen. Sin can only be conquered by the power of sacrifice. That is what the Cross shows us — what Jesus did in willingly accepting the Cross was to reveal the quality of God's love — God conquering sin by sacrifice. God, in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself; God giving to the uttermost limit of love's power of sacrifice, in order that we might be redeemed from the bondage of sin, and be set free to live as His people — that is what we see in the light of the Cross.

And because we have been redeemed at such a cost, **we are not our own.** Not our own to injure, neither body nor soul; to waste our time in idleness, or doing those things which are displeasing in God's sight; not to lend ourselves to another master — but to realize what blessings are ours — what a privilege is ours!

We turn to Him, Who has redeemed us, in the words of the old familiar Hymn — "I am thine, O Lord, I Have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me." Or we say the comforting words of the 23rd Psalm — "The Lord is my shepherd." We rejoice — because we are safe in His keeping. We glorify God, in our body — the Temple of God; in our spirit — faith, courage, zeal, love and charity; earnestly seeking forgiveness of sins of the body and of the spirit; earnestly seeking to do God's will.

"Draw Thou my soul, O Christ,
Closer to Thine,
Breathe into every wish
Thy will divine.
Raise my low self above,
Won by Thy deathless love,
Ever, O Christ, through mine,
Let Thy Life shine.

Lead forth my soul, O Christ,
One with Thine own,
Joyful to follow Thee,
Through paths unknown.
In Thee my strength renew,
Give me my work to do,
Through me Thy truth be shown,
Thy Love make known."

With the Psalmist of old we would say — "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51; verse 10.)

PRAYER — O God, Who art a Spirit, Infinite, Eternal and Unchangeable, in Whose Being is Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Goodness and Truth, we praise and thank Thee for the gift of Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gratefully, we would remember the blessings which are ours, and in our gratitude may we be mindful of those who have forgotten Thee, and of the great company of peoples throughout the world, who have not had the privilege of hearing the "Good News" of Thine abiding Love.

As we meet together, during the Sessions this week, we would pray that our eyes may be opened to greater opportunities for proclaiming Thy message. Quicken in us the spirit of service, and give us wisdom and strength, as a Society and as individuals, to fulfil Thy purpose for us. Always, may we know Thy presence in our hearts and in our minds, so, our thoughts, our words, and our decisions may be well-pleasing in Thy sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 192

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride."

BENEDICTION — "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MARGARET BALDERSTON

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MISS ADA ADAMS
B.SC.
DEAN

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Christopher Smith

INTRODUCING THE 1965 EWART COLLEGE GRADUATES

Three Year Diploma Course:

MARGARET BALDERSON

Home—Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Home Church—Zion Church, Charlottetown
Previous Experience—student
Plans for 1965-66—Deaconess in Lakefield Territorial Mission, Presbytery of Peterborough, Ontario, on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

JUDITH CRAIG

Home—Hamilton, Ontario
Home Church—New Westminster, Hamilton
Previous Experience—Secretary for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

ANN DRUMMOND

Home—Burwash, Ontario
Home Church—Parkside Church, Sudbury, Ontario
Previous experience—Student
Plans for 1965-1966 — Further study in preparation for overseas work.

MARILYN DUFFIELD

Home—Sylvan Lake, Alberta
Home Church—Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sylvan Lake
Previous Experience — Secretarial work for Alberta Government Telephones.
Plans for 1965-66 — Deaconess on the Staff of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) doing Indian work at Whitefish Bay, near Kenora, Ontario.

JOANNE VAN BRUMMELEN

Home—Calgary, Alberta
Home Church—Grace Church, Calgary
Previous Experience—student
Plans for 1965-66 — Deaconess and Director of Christian Education, Central Church, Brantford, Ontario

JUDITH YOUNG

Home—Barrie, Ontario
Home Church — Essa Road, Barrie
Previous Experience — Business experience with Sun Life Assurance Company, Barrie.

Plans for 1965 - 1966 — Deaconess and Director of Christian Education at the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, Ontario.

Special Two Year Course:

ISABEL ALLISON

Home — Roland, Manitoba
Home Church — Knox Church, Roland, Manitoba
Previous Experience — Teacher
Plans for 1965-1966 — Isabel hopes to teach Overseas.

RUTH BENTLEY

Home—Galt, Ontario
Home Church — Knox Church, Galt, Ontario
Previous Experience — Salvation Army in India
Plans for 1965-1966 — Ruth is under appointment for Overseas work.

Special Course for University Graduates:

INA ADAMSON

Home — Scotsburn, Nova Scotia
Home Church — Bethel, Scotsburn
Previous Experience — High School Teacher
Plans for 1965-1966 — Ina is returning to high school teaching.

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EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION — 1965

The Graduation Service of Ewart College took place in Knox College Chapel on Thursday, April 22. The Reverend R. D. A. Currie, B.A., minister of Knox Church, Wallaceburg, Ontario, conducted the worship. The Ewart College choir under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L. sang the anthems "One Hundred Twenty-first Psalm" (N.S. Wright) and "The Earth is the Lord's" (H. Rosevear).

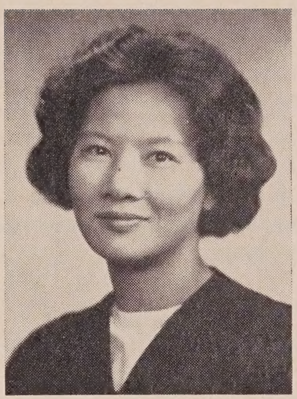
Nine young women graduated from Ewart College this year. Six of these graduates had completed the three-year diploma course, two had completed a special two-year course, and one had completed the one-year special course for university graduates. Joanne VanBrummelen and Judith Young will serve as congregational deaconesses or directors of Christian Education, Margaret Balderston and Marilyn Duffield will serve on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in the presbyteries of Peterborough and Lake of the Woods respectively, Ruth Bentley is under appointment overseas, Ina Adamson will return to high school teaching, Ann Drummond will undertake further study to prepare for overseas work, Judith Craig will marry in the fall, and Isabel Allison has not yet completed arrangements for her work which, she hopes, will be teaching overseas.

The Reverend Professor J. C. Hay, M.A., B.D., Ph. D., Professor of Homiletics, Evangelism and Church Administration, Knox College, Toronto, gave the address to the graduating class reminding them of barriers to communication in the presentation of the Christan faith to others.

Miss Agnes Roy, chairman of the Board of Ewart College, presided at the graduation service. Miss Roy expressed her appreciation of the work accomplished by the staff of the College.

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., the Principal of Ewart College, gave a brief review of the year's work. Twenty-nine girls were enrolled in Ewart College during the 1964-1965 session; two former graduates also lived in the residence while they undertook further study. The other rooms of the residence were completely filled by students enrolled in various faculties at the University of Toronto, several of these students coming from various countries overseas.

The presence and coming departure of Grace Tsai, of Taipei, Formosa, a graduate of the Taiwan Theological College, was noted at the service. Mrs. Tsai has been studying at Ewart College this year doing work in Christian Education. The College has been particularly grateful for her contribution to the life of the student body. Grace will return now to her work as Secretary of the Department of Women's Work for the Presbyterian Church of Formosa.



GRACE TSAI

Miss Webster also presented the Gold Pin of the Order of Deaconesses to Miss Isabel Scott, deaconess at Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The presentation of the Gold Pin marks the completion of twenty-five years of service to the Church in the Deaconess Order.

Graduation diplomas, certificates, scholarships and awards were presented by Miss Webster and Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College. The following list shows the awards given.

Graduation Diploma

1. **Three Year Course**

Margaret Balderston, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Judith Craig, Hamilton, Ontario
Marilyn Duffield, Sylvan Lake, Alberta

Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario
Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta
Judith Young, Barrie, Ontario

2. **Special Course of Two Years**

Isabel Allison, Roland, Manitoba
Ruth Bentley, Galt, Ontario

3. **Special Course for University Graduates**

Ina P. Adamson, B.Sc. (H.Ec.), B.Ed., Scotsburn, Nova Scotia.

General Proficiency Scholarships

First year—

1. Helen Linkletter, Summerside, Prince Edward Island
2. Dorothy Brown, Kilsyth, Ontario

Comfort Ejere, Afikpo, Nigeria

Second Year—

1. Lois Cooke, Toronto, Ontario
2. Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario

Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario

Third Year—

1. Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario
2. Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta

Other Scholarships

The Alumnae Scholarship — Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario

The Gwendolyn Langford Memorial Scholarship — Judith Young, Barrie, Ontario; Ina Adamson, Scotsburn, Nova Scotia

The Muriel Jennings Gray Scholarship — Marilyn Duffield, Sylvan Lake, Alberta

The Evelyn B. and Donald B. Cram Scholarship — Jean Smith, Wyoming, Ontario

The Isabel Ross Memorial Scholarship — Comfort Ejere, Afikpo, Nigeria.

The Jennie and Bell Hossack Memorial Scholarship — Annabelle Wallace, Edmonton, Alberta.

The Jane Beatrice Gray Scholarship — not awarded in 1965.

The Katherine A. Gray Scholarship —Marilyn Duffield, Sylvan Lake, Alberta

The Isabel Glenn Scholarship — Ruth Bentley, Galt, Ontario

The Leonie Pirch Award — Margaret Balderston, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

The Elizabeth Scott McKay Memorial Scholarship—Jean Gardner, Hamilton, Ontario

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OUR COUNTRY!

Our country hath a gospel of her own,
To preach and practice before all the world —
The freedom and divinity of man,
The glorious claims of human brotherhood,
And the soul's fealty to none but God.

James Russell Lowell.

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL . . .

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

THIS YEAR at Council, the presentation of the Organization Department was divided into two parts. On Tuesday evening consideration was given to the responsibility of the Department for children and youth, and on Wednesday evening adult work was discussed.

On the Tuesday evening, in thinking of Children and Teenage girls, those participating were representative of the various levels of responsibility—Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teenage Work; Mrs. David Millar, Secretary for Girls' Organizations on Council Executive; Mrs. J. R. Geddes, a member of the Children's Work Sub-Committee of the Organization Committee, and a former Secretary for Children's groups in the Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa; Mrs. J. Broatch, Secretary for Girls' Organizations in Kingston Presbyterial, and Mrs. O. Fife, a local leader of a C.O.C. group.

The study theme for 1965-66, "Mission: — The Christian's Calling," was discussed, and materials for use in C.O.C., Explorer, and Teenage groups were presented. Those participating discussed the respective responsibilities of local leaders, Presbyterial, Synodical, Council Executive, and National Secretaries, as they endeavour to plan and carry out an educational programme for primary and junior boys and girls and teenage girls in weekday groups. The National and Council Executive Secretaries told of the preparation and selection of materials for Programme Packets, and discussed with the Synodical and Presbyterial Secretaries their part in planning and carrying out leadership training projects for Secretaries and local leaders; their responsibility for knowing materials, and being ever ready to give assistance to local groups. With the local leader was discussed the responsibility of a local leader and the ways in which adult groups, the Christian Education Committee, and the Minister of the local congregation, can assist in making Children and Youth groups a vital part of the local Church. Emphasis was placed upon the need for taking advantage of local, Presbyterial, Synodical, and National opportunities (both denominational and interdenominational) for training in leadership.

On the Wednesday evening the attention turned to adults. The presentation began with emphasis on the individual member, pointing out how an individual's effectiveness is multiplied, as she works with others in a group. It was noted how influence is widened and strengthened as people work together in Presbyterials, Synodicals, Council Executive, and Council.

Participating in the presentation and discussions were—Mrs. G. Peckover, Co-Chairman of the Organization Committee, Chairman of the Adult Work Sub-Committee and Secretary for Afternoon Groups on Council Executive; Miss Olive G. Grant, Secretary for Evening Groups on Council Executive; Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, Mrs. A. H. McKague, a member of Council Executive and of the Adult Committee, Mrs. G. M. Dean, a member of the Adult Committee; Miss Margaret Tranmer, a secretary in the Organization Department; and Miss Louise A. Reith, Director of Organization.

Materials for adults on the 1965-66 theme, "Mission: — The Christian's Calling," were presented and discussed. The total group participated in considering statements, and preparing questions, to discuss with members of Council Executive and of the Adult Committee who made up a panel of resource people. Discussions centred around the importance of "training members in the skills and duties of responsible participation" the relationship of local groups to Presbyterials and Synodicals; the use of Programme Materials; the responsibility of each member for "promotion" and the importance of all working together that the Society may better "serve the present age."

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ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS . . .

— **Miss Margaret Boyd,** Regional Secretary in the Synod of Saskatchewan, and **Miss Clare Hanes,** Regional Secretary in the Synod of Hamilton and London, returned to their work in their respective Synods in June, following a period of furlough study at Princeton Seminary.

— **Miss Dorothy Keller,** at present the Regional Secretary in the Synod of Manitoba, expects to begin her period of furlough study early in September.

— We are happy to announce two appointments to the staff of Regional Secretaries.

On June 1st, **Miss Tamiko Nakamura** joined the staff of Regional Secretaries, and began her work in the Synod of British Columbia. Miss Nakamura's home is in Vancouver, and she has already proved to be a valuable member of the W.M.S. staff. Following her graduation in 1959 from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Miss Nakamura served for two years in the National Department, as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Westminster, after which she gave outstanding service in the Overseas Department serving with the Korean Christian

Church in Japan.

— On September 1st, **Miss Martine van Beek** will come on the staff of Regional Secretaries. She will begin her work in the Synod of Manitoba. Miss van Beek also is an experienced staff member, who has served the Society well in the National Department. Following her graduation from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in 1957, Miss van Beek took further studies in Social Work, after which she served in the National Department as a deaconess in Down-Town Missions in the Presbytery of West Toronto for three years. She was then transferred to the Presbytery of Temiskaming where she served as Presbytery Deaconess until she began her furlough study.

We welcome Miss Nakamura and Miss van Beek to the Staff of the Organization Department.

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You — and Your Adult Group

"PRAY FOR US"

by MRS. G. H. PECKOVER

Secretary for Afternoon Groups on Council Executive

Lord, teach us how to pray and what to ask for.
Help us to mean what we say.
Give us grace to love Thee more and to love the people for whom we pray.

"And as I make plans for returning to my work, I make an earnest appeal for your prayers. The strength and encouragement that we receive from knowing that the women are praying for us, is greater than words can describe." So the speaker concluded her address. The group members rose to sing the closing hymn and repeat the benediction, and the meeting was finished.

The next morning, as she did the dishes and the dusting, Mrs. Adams kept thinking of the Speaker of the night before. Time and time again her thoughts returned to the missionary's request for her prayers. Mrs. Adams knew it would be easy to pray for this missionary and the work she was doing. The words and pictures had been so vivid last night, she would never forget them. But she remembered that the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., employs nearly 200 workers in Canada and Overseas. How could she pray for them all? By the end of the morning, Mrs. Adams had decided to talk with some of her friends, and see if they had found any solution to this problem.

During the next couple of months, Mrs. Adams discussed this question with many women. Some were older than herself, some were younger. Some were members of her own denomination and some belonged to another. She found that most of them had pondered this same problem. As she thought of the women who had found a satisfactory solution, she realized that no single method could be used by everyone. Each woman had found a way, and then had adapted it to her own personal preferences.

Mrs. Adams' friends did have some things in common however. First of all, they all felt that prayer is an important way in which they could share in the work of the church. If our prayers are sincere, then our interest and our support must accompany them. Prayer creates an awareness of a fellowship of Christians around the world. As we pray, we feel united with others who are praying in our community, in our country, and in other countries. All of Mrs. Adams' friends felt that they wanted their prayers to be specific and down-to-earth. They were not satisfied with a general intercession — "for all our workers at home and abroad."

Mrs. Adams then considered the different methods which her friends found helpful. Several of her friends made daily use of the page, "Your Prayers Are Asked," in The Glad Tidings. They felt that, in the course of a year, each phase of the work of the Society is covered, as well as any cooperative work in which we are engaged. Mrs. Adams was glad to notice that the individual members of groups were included in the section, "Your Prayers Are Asked," and our responsibilities as witnessing laymen stressed. Some of her friends used the list of W.M.S. workers as published in The Glad Tidings in November, and made intercession each day for five or six, and the work in which they are engaged. Quite a few women were using a prayer plan sponsored by their Synodical. The plan suggested special prayer for a different Field each day of the week. Mrs. Adams felt inclined to use this method herself. She wanted to adapt it to her own thoughts, however. She decided to divide the work in Canada into six or seven parts, and pray for a field overseas and one in Canada each day. Prayer for India and for the Indian Canadians, could go together for instance. Mrs. Adams reminded herself not to forget the Regional Secretaries, and the other members of staff in the Organization Department, the Directors, the office staff, the President of the Society, and the members of Council Executive, as well as the officers and members of her own group. Mrs. Adams found that praying women were more conscious of the needs and suffering in the world. As they read or heard of riots, floods, or other problems in places like British Guiana, Formosa, or other countries, they offered further intercession for these people in their time of trouble.

At the next executive meeting of her group, Mrs. Adams asked about prayer for missionaries at their meetings. The group uses the worship service which accompanies the study each month. This service includes prayer for the work which is being studied at that meeting. Should they do more? The executive members felt that, as a group, they should be more conscious of special needs around the world, and include prayers for any country, or group of people, in distress or at a time of decision. They agreed that The Glad Tidings, in its staff news and special items, brings several areas to the attention of groups and members. The executive decided to study this subject further. It would be a great strength to the whole missionary enterprise if our groups, and through them our members, could become "truly schools of prayer" as the groups of one hundred years ago.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, that through their witness during the vacation children and youth will have a deeper understanding of Christ and His love.

—For all who serve in "Inner City Missions" across our land. Let us give thanks for their devotion, and pray that they may be strengthened and encouraged to accept an even greater challenge in the months ahead.

—For all leaders and campers that each may be renewed in mind and spirit as together they work and play in the out-of-doors.

—For all who attend W.M.S. Training Centres that they may grow in knowledge and understanding and be enabled to give leadership in their local areas.

Pray that the holiday time for our staff in fields abroad may be one of refreshment of mind and body. Pray that there may be a time of physical and spiritual refreshment for Christians throughout the world, in these summer months as Conferences and Camps take place in many parts of the world.

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DESTINY

There is a destiny, that makes us
Brothers,
None can go through Life alone;
What we put into the lives of others
Comes back into our own!

(Contributed by Mr. Charles A. Pennie, Timmins, Ont.)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Wm. Cunningham	Knox, Alliston	Barrie
Mrs. John Martin	Knox, Alliston	Barrie
Mrs. Basil Levere	St. Andrew's, Spencerville	Brockville
Mrs. Thos. W. Thompson	Westminster, Paisley	Bruce & Owen Sound
Mrs. Helen Lethem	St. Andrew's, Southampton	Bruce & Owen Sound
Mrs. R. Macklem	St. Andrew's, Owen Sound	Bruce & Owen Sound
Mrs. Margaret Adaline Dalgleish	Chalmers, Calgary	Calgary
Miss Grace B. Gowans	Knox, Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Linda Keacher	Knox, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. John McNichol	Knox, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Donald Ross	First, Edmonton	Edmonton
Miss Florence Carter	First, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. Bella MacQueen Stark	St. Luke's, Finch	Glengarry
Mrs. Archie MacRae	St. Andrew's, Monkland	Glengarry
Mrs. K. Andrew Fraser	Kenyon, Dunvegan	Glengarry
Mrs. A. E. McNaughton	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Miss Barbara Jean Davie	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Miss Beatrice Campbell	Presbyterian, Renfrew	Lanark & Renfrew
Mrs. Alex Brown	Knox, Belmont	London
Mrs. Leslie Fortune	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Miss Jennie A. Kinnear	First, Port Colborne	Niagara
Mrs. Frank Warner	Knox, St. Catharines	Niagara
Mrs. Jennie Winters	St. Andrew's, Burk's Falls	North Bay
Mrs. L. P. B. (Edna) Cook	St. Stephen's, Ottawa	Ottawa
Miss Sarah Chisholm	St. Stephen's, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. Wm. Smith Sert	Knox, Brantford	Paris
Miss Lena Duff	Knox, Norwich	Paris
Mrs. John D. McVicar	Cameron, Euphemia	Sarnia
Mrs. Margaret Grant	St. Andrew's, Saskatoon	Saskatoon
Miss Harriet Manders	St. Andrew's, Saskatoon	Saskatoon
Mrs. Sarah Louisa Corder	Gordon, South Burnaby	Westminster
Mrs. Ellen Thomson	St. John's, White Rock	Westminster
Mrs. U. Clayton	Oakwood, Toronto	West Toronto

THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL

by MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

The presentation of the work of the National Department took place on the Tuesday evening of Council, May 11th. A large map of Canada, on which was indicated the areas and types of work of our National Staff members, together with colourful posters depicting the various phases of National Missions, provided a fitting setting for the presentation.

Members of Council and visitors were welcomed by Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Chairman of the National Committee, who introduced the Executive Director, Miss Giollo Kelly. Miss Kelly indicated briefly the extent of the work carried on by the forty-four members of our National Staff, and advised that the intention of the presentation was to give a "bird's-eye view" of the various facets of the Society's National work. She then introduced the participating Staff members.

Miss Louise Gamble, who will transfer to our Overseas Staff at the end of May to take up an appointment to Formosa, spoke of the work with the Chinese people in Montreal, where she had served for the past three years. She told of the group activities carried on, and stated that there had been a decided indication of God's blessing upon the work in the past two years. During this period, the membership of the congregation has doubled, and there have been more baptisms in the past year than in the twenty previous years. The members have been assuming greater responsibility in the life and work of the congregation. Miss Gamble stated that the Staff is thankful to God for the new challenge which these changes present.

Also representing our work with the Chinese Canadians was *Miss Susan Yeung,* who this August celebrates twenty-five years of service in our work in Vancouver. Miss Yeung told of the work with the children in the kindergarten, indicating that there were 71 attending at present. Each child who is enrolled is required to attend Church School as well. The kindergarten has served a great number of Chinese through the years. Over a third of the parents of the present children attended the kindergarten themselves. Most of the members of the Young People's Society once belonged to the kindergarten, and more than a quarter of the teachers in the Church School are kindergarten graduates.

Miss Flora Whiteford spoke on behalf of our Staff engaged in Inner City Work, telling of some of her experiences. She also mentioned the complexity of problems faced in this area of need — senior citizens, mentally retarded, broken homes, working mothers, alcoholics, children left to fend for themselves, shabby homes at high rentals, and rebellious young people. She indicated that the most effective method of carrying on this work was with the small group. We must be willing to be involved in the problem of these people, if we are to help them.

Representing our Staff engaged as Presbytery Deaconesses, *Miss Sheila Stephens* told of her work in the Presbytery of Hamilton. Leadership training, Practice Training Schools in adult work, Vacation School, and Church Camping form part of her activities. Visiting with the Presbyterian women students at McMaster University was an interesting experience she had in recent months. She also was involved in new extension work in Burlington and Grimsby, being responsible in the latter place for the Church School.

Miss Dorothy Lukes, who spent a number of years as our Port Receptionist in Montreal and Quebec, told of the procedures followed, and the ways in which the Church can say "welcome" and assist the stranger within our land. For the past two winters, Miss Lukes has been engaged in work in Angus, Ontario, a village of 1200 people situated near a large Army Camp. She stated that many of the problems of the Inner City are found in Angus. New groups for the children have been organized, and, through the children, contact is made in the homes. Many avenues of services are open through which it is possible to demonstrate to the people that we care.

Speaking on behalf of our Staff members engaged in Hospital Visitation, *Miss Ruby Walker* told of that area of her work which takes her to Riverdale Hospital for the convalescent and chronically ill. She told something of the rehabilitation programme carried on by the Hospital, and mentioned the fine relationship with the Staff of the hospital. Over one hundred persons, in this eight-hundred-bed institution are registered as Prebyterians, and the visitor is called upon to perform many tasks on behalf of these patients. Miss Walker spoke of the Service of Worship which she conducts every Sunday morning, and voiced appreciation of the fine assistance given by the many volunteers from our various Metropolitan congregations. She indicated the many trials — physical, mental and spiritual — faced by the patients, and stated that her task was to encourage them, to take hope, and the love of God, to these people in their time of need.

The Director showed a number of slides depicting our work among the Indian Canadians in the Residential Schools and on the Reserves, and also of our ministry to both Indian and non-Indian young people through our Fellowship Houses in Winnipeg and Prince Albert.

Throughout the presentation the same note was sounded repeatedly — the need to convey to those persons with whom our Staff works, whether in the home, in the Church or in hospital, our Christian love and concern; and the appreciation of and need for, the prayer support of our membership as our Staff seek to serve, in the place to which God has called them.

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THANK YOU!

Many of our staff, having received salary increases in their May cheques, have written to thank us. Here is one of the cheery little notes, which we appreciate very much.

"Would you please express to the members of Council Executive my thanks for the increase in my salary. I do know that many of our members give the sacrificial gift, so my appreciation is most sincere, and my prayer for them is that they will know much of the joy and blessing that comes to the cheerful giver.

I cannot promise to do another day's work in the week, but I can promise to spend my increase wisely."

from the Treasurer's Department

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - April, 1965

	1964	1965
British Columbia	$ 270.00	$ 1,732.79
Alberta	1,016.65	2,368.14
Saskatchewan	1,677.63	1,496.57
Manitoba	1,330.21	1,422.68
Hamilton & London	23,215.02	23,708.66
Toronto and Kingston	12,297.97	13,500.00
Montreal and Ottawa	11,912.57	8,800.00
	$51,720.05	$53,028.84

THE MISSION OVERSEAS

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director of Overseas Missions

THE PRESENTATION of the work of the Overseas Department at the Annual Council meeting was made through panel discussion. Members of the Overseas staff took part in the panels, and discussed trends on Overseas Mission Fields, as noted from the most recent Annual Reports. These trends are: Partnership with National Workers; the Need for Lay Training; and Co-operation with Other Groups.

It has been realized for some time that the position of a Missionary is that of working with her National colleague, and supporting her in the task that both have assumed. In every phase of Mission Work to-day the leadership is being taken increasingly by National people. There is need both for the sharing of skills and for fellowship in Christ, for the men and women who go into countries overseas to share with these new National leaders. In these last few years we have seen this change take place in many areas of our work. The most recent example is the appointment of two Christian Education workers in the Korean Christian Church in Japan. They were aided in assuming their task of Leadership Training by Miss Tamiko Nakamura. Missionaries in Christian Education work in Japan will work along with these Assembly staff people. In the last two years the Principal of the Helen MacDonald School has been an Indian lady; Miss S. K. Singh. In this kind of Missionary activity, the Missionary shares with the Indian staff the constant in-service training that is necessary, to keep up with educational needs in a developing country like India.

In all of the countries in which we are working abroad, there is great stress being laid on the training of the lay Christian. Much responsibility is taken in Asia, Africa and British Guiana for leadership in all phases of Christian work by lay people. Lay training is becoming the largest emphasis in Overseas Work today.

The Christian population in any country is a small minority of the total population, therefore it is essential that Christians work, as much as possible, in co-operation with each other. One of the points that was stressed in the presentation was the overwhelming majority of non-Christians in foreign lands, and the feeling, which Missionaries and Christian leaders constantly have, that they must reach out with all the strength that they can to convey the Christian message. For instance, in Canada 95% of the people claim some Church affiliation. In most of the Overseas lands in which we work, the percentages of Christian People are between ½% and 3%. It was noted that in British Guiana approximately 50% of the people call themselves Christians. In this same context, the question of Church Union was mentioned by the panel. It was pointed out that the various Church Union Movements, which we are observing abroad, particularly in Nigeria and in Northern India at this time, are the result of Christians feeling they must come together as one corporate body to present the Christian faith. Theological division is confusing to many people in the countries of Asia and Africa, and a hindrance to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Posters were displayed showing facts of population, area, numbers of Christians and workers on each of our overseas fields. Identical fact sheets were distributed to those present.

Mrs. J. A. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee and Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Co-Chairman of the Overseas Committee introduced the members of the panels. They were: Miss Tamiko Nakamura, who has been serving with the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and Miss Merle McGowan, serving in British Guiana, who chaired the panels; Miss Anne Howson, R.N. from Nigeria, Miss Pauline Brown, R.N., B.Sc.N.: Miss Agnes Hislop and Miss Audrey Prendergast, R.N., from the Bhil field, India; Mrs. Mildred Gehman, R.N., M.A., Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India; Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E., Jhansi field, India; Mrs. Grace Tsai of Formosa, Mrs. C. R. Talbot who, with her husband, is a Missionary to the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and Mrs. Murray Ross, who, with her husband, serves in Nigeria.

Other persons introduced during the presentation were: Miss Sushila Patras of India, who is studying at the University of Western Ontario School of Nursing; Mrs. Charles A. MacDonald, Overseas Missions Secretary, W.M.S. (E.D.), Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, Miss Pauline Kujanik, Secretarial Assistant in the Overseas Department.

New appointees to the Overseas staff who were present were introduced. These were: Miss Diane Petrie, R.N., B.Sc.N., of Ottawa, Ontario, appointed to Public Health work in Formosa; Miss Louise Gamble of Chatsworth, Ontario, appointed to evangelistic work in Formosa; Miss Rose Chambers, R.N., B.Sc.N., of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, who will serve in Nursing Education in Nigeria or Formosa; and Miss Ruth Bentley of Galt, Ontario, appointed to serve as an evangelist on the Bhil Field, India.

A FARM CAMP

by MARGARET BOYD

"I AM SORRY that it will soon be time to stop our CGIT meetings for the summer," remarked Susie. "I've enjoyed this year in the Group because we've done so many exciting things together. Golly, I might not see some of the girls for weeks after our Mother and Daughter Banquet is over."

"Oh," replied Jill, as she sipped her coke, "but that doesn't mean we stop doing things together! We are going to make plans tonight for our week-end visit to the farm."

"What is that?" asked Susie.

"Well, last year," explained Jill, "our Group joined with the Group of Knox Church, and we went to Mrs. Baker's farm one Saturday morning early in June, and stayed until Sunday afternoon. We all slept outdoors right under the stars."

"Wasn't it kind of cold?" enquired Susie.

"Oh no," replied Jill, "we wore lots of warm sweaters and slacks, and put scarves over our heads. I had three sweaters on, and two extra blankets over my sleeping bag! It was really wonderful to be out under the starry skies, and God seemed so near to us in the quiet of the night."

"I suppose it might be all right," said Susie doubtfully. "What else did you do?"

"We each took our first meal with us — a hamburger with onions, carrots and potatoes, all wrapped in tin-foil. We divided into small groups of about five to do our cooking. Each Group gathered wood and built a fire out in the yard, and it wasn't long until it was hot enough to cook our dinner. For dessert, we toasted a marshmallow and put it between graham wafers with a piece of chocolate, which melted of course. My it was good! It's no wonder they're called 'S'mores'!

In the afternoon we hiked across the fields, stopping to examine lots of little flowers, which I had never realized could be so plentiful in a bare looking old field. We almost stepped on a ground nest which was being guarded by a mother bird, and there were lots of places where we could see old animal trails too.

Indians used to live in that part of the country, and Mrs. Baker showed us places where they pitched their tents. We could see the rocks which marked the doorway, and the spot where the ropes anchored the tent. It sure was interesting!"

"Sounds like kind of fun," murmured Susie.

"Early on Sunday morning—at 6.00 a.m. — we got up to go bird-watching," continued Jill.

"What a time to get up!" said Susie.

"Oh, no trouble at all!" replied Jill. "It was so bright, and the birds were singing so loudly that we couldn't sleep anyway. Mrs. Turner and Miss Curtis came all the way out from the city to go with us, because they are very familiar with the different kinds of birds. So off we went through the fields again, and it was amazing how many different birds we spotted."

"How could you tell what they were?" asked Susie.

"We had little cards that listed all the species, and we ticked off the names of the ones we saw, like meadow lark, killdeer, song sparrow, sandpiper, and scarlet tanager. After a couple of hours, we went back to the farmhouse for breakfast, and were we ever hungry! We got our cereal, toast and cocoa from the kitchen, and ate out in the yard. Each girl had brought dishes and cutlery for herself, and we took turns preparing the food in the kitchen and serving it at the door.

There was a Church Service too, in a grove of trees nearby. Some of the girls took part, and Miss Baynes, from the Knox Church Group, spoke to us about how we should grow in Christian love, if we are to be good disciples of Jesus Christ.

Tonight we will probably appoint Committees to plan for this year's weekend."

"I think it should be fun," Susie said. "Will there be any other summer activities?"

"Well, later on, we hope to have another picnic for the Senior Citizens of our congregation. Some of them hardly ever get to the little park at the lake, where they can have an enjoyable outing. Mary and Mrs. Turner usually pick up as many people as they can, and we will have to find another car so there will be transportation for everyone."

"What will they do while they are at the lake?"

"I was on the Programme Committee last time we did this," said Jill. "We took our games, like Chinese Checkers, and Scrabble, and some of the people played at the picnic tables. A few of the men threw horseshoes, and others just chatted. Some of the ladies knitted or crocheted."

"I'm sure they would enjoy getting out like that," said Susie.

"Oh yes! And of course our Group provides the lunch. Susie, I think you should be on that Committee, because you always have keen suggestions whenever we have planned meals for our own Group."

"I think I would sort of like that. I have some ideas for salads which I'd like to try! Now, I must run because I told Mother I would be home by 4:30. See you tonight. Bye Jill!"

(Miss Margaret Boyd is a graduate deaconess employed by the W.M.S. [W.D.] as a Regional Secretary for the Saskatchewan Synodical.)

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres 1965

Training Centres are being planned for the summer of 1965. Keep these dates in mind, plan to attend one of them and encourage others to do so, and watch for further publicity which will come to local groups.

Dates and Places

July 12 - 16—The Baptist Leadership Training School,
Calgary, Alberta

July 26 - 30—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose:

To provide opportunity for women, especially those carrying leadership responsibilities, to grow—

- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in understanding of what is involved in Christian Mission in local areas, in Canada, and around the world
- in their ability as leaders

CANADA

Canada, our land;
  land of great mountains,
Lake land and river land;
  land 'twixt two seas;
God grant us hearts
  that are large as our heritage;
Courage and vision,
  Oh Lord, grant us these!

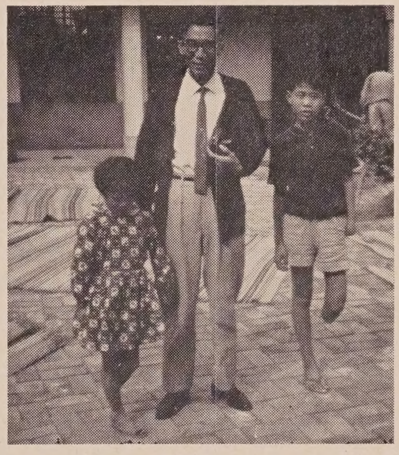
(Selected)

Boys and Girls!

1965 — JUNIOR CAMP PROJECT

"So that children may walk again in Formosa"

Little Polio Victim



Children
With Black Foot Disease

First, the MacKay Memorial Hospital in Taipei has opened a Polio Ward for Children, in a house which was formerly used as a home for missionaries. Before this time, children with polio were hidden away by their parents and had no opportunity to receive treatment, or play with other children. Now the children are brought to the hospital for exercise and operations. Braces and shoes are also supplied, "*so that children may walk again.*" While the children are in the Hospital they get to know the Bible woman, Ong U, who goes to the Hospital to tell Bible stories.

Secondly, a small Hospital has been started in the south of Formosa for the treatment of Black

Foot disease. This disease is caused when children and adults eat food which is grown in salt soil. It affects particularly their feet, and in many cases amputations of part of the leg is necessary. The Hospital is provided *"so that children may walk again."* Also in the Hospital they are taught to do handcrafts which they take home.

The offering given at Junior Camps will be given to those two projects, that more children in Formosa *may walk again.*

ATTENTION — GLAD TIDINGS SECRETARIES!

Last Call for Action on
The Special Introductory Offer,

"The Glad Tidings"

June, July-August, September—
Twenty-Five Cents!

261 of these Subscriptions have now come in —
Were Yours Among Them?

If Not We Are Waiting For Them!

Think How Many **Regular** Subscribers These Can Mean—
Depending, Of Course—on **Your** Follow-Up!
We Are Counting On **You!**

PSALM FOR MIDSUMMER

Dr. Andrew Blackwood refers to the 121st Psalm as the Travellers' Psalm. He speaks of The God of the Waiting Hills — "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help"; The God of The Sleepless Watch — "He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold He that keepeth Israel shall not neither slumber nor sleep"; The God of The Friendly Shade — "The Lord is thy keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night"; The God of the Winding Road — "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

(Selected)

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

(Over a period of years, this anonymous tribute has appeared in many Anthologies. All agree that it is a tribute of great distinction, but, to this day, its Author still remains unknown. Ed.)

HERE IS A young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a Carpenter Shop until he was thirty years old, and then, for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and to-day he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched; all the navies that were ever built; all the Parliaments that ever sat, and all the Kings that ever reigned — all put together, they have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that "One Solitary Life".

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which these could be used, both in Programmes, and as adjuncts to the Study Packets.

Mrs. Cherry pointed out the four handsome Posters representing "The Glad Tidings," and depicting the many different angles of W.M.S. work and interests covered in the eleven issues each year—the numbers of far-away lands into which "The Glad Tidings" carries its message; the headlines of Departments and recent Articles, showing the wide diversity and scope of the information contained in each issue, not only of our own Missionaries and Missionary work in Canada and Overseas, but of the

Ecumenical outreach and the Missionary work of the Christian Church around the world; the colourful and varied appeal of the Cover Pictures and Poem each month; and, finally, the great Wheel, whose spokes were the names of all our Presbyterials through which the magazine circulates, and around which were the photographs of all the Staff members of this Department, through whom contact is maintained with our subscribers.

Then there were the "Questionnaires," asking for ways and means suggestions for improving "The Glad Tidings" and increasing its circulation among all the women of our Church. One of these was placed in each delegate's packet, given at Registration, and a large number were thoughtfully filled in and deposited in the red Publications Mail Box. These answers, presented for discussion by the Director at the Wednesday Presentation, led to active audience participation from each Group in turn, and a most worth-while consideration of the needs and possibilities of our W.M.S. Magazine. Many excellent suggestions were received, one of which was that, realizing the need for more subscriptions, for the coming year members adopt the Slogan — "Each One Give One." That *would* be a wonderful way of increasing our circulation, wouldn't it? So — why not?

Greetings from The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada were read on Wednesday morning and three Special Guests were introduced— Mrs. Charles McDonald, Overseas Secretary for the Eastern Division, W.M.S.; Mrs. Grace Tsai, Department of Women's Work, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Formosa, who has been at Ewart College this year taking special studies; and Miss Nichols, of the Eastern Division, who is on furlough from the Mission Field in India. On the Tuesday afternoon, Miss Whale introduced Miss Margaret McKee of London,

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sion and variety of the work being carried on by the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries of the Society—visiting Hospitals, Senior Citizens and retarded children; providing meals and doing shopping for the elderly and house-bound; sharing home life with students from Overseas; providing "The Glad Tidings" for Shut-Ins. Both Mrs. Sinclair, and Miss Frieda Matthews, Director of Immigration, who spoke to this Report, asked for more promptness in reporting names of newcomers, and also for the publication of names and addresses of Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in the Annual Blue Book. Mrs. George Anderson, Life Membership

Secretary, in presenting her Report, noted an increase in the presentations of Honorary and Life Membership Certificates, as well as Junior Certificates, and stressed the importance of remembering members in this way, and of the benefit the Society received from the money thus received.

Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Christian Literature Secretary, assisted by her Committee, Miss Olive Grant and Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, presented the Report of this Department, explaining the needs, and the use of each Grant. The Rev. Michael Fesenko, Minister of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church in Toronto, publisher and Editor of "Evangelical Truth"; and the Rev. W. C. Hewitt, of the Canadian Bible Society, were Guest Speakers for this Department, and presented the vital need for good Christian literature throughout the world of today, in a most urgent and convincing manner. Following this presentation, Supply Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, gave the Supply Department Report. "Personal and practical," said Mrs. Treleaven, "this Supply work, which does appeal to our women, might be a good talking point when speaking to new or half-interested members. To send money to distant lands with which to purchase the supplies needed, is often much more practical than sending the goods we think they may need—the money thus sent helps people to help themselves."

Wednesday afternoon opened with a very fine Service of Remembrance conducted by Mrs. W. A. Wilson, President of Saskatchewan Synodical. This was followed by the Presentation of Long Service Pins and Bars, with President Mrs. Curr presiding. In absentia, Miss Ellen Douglas was presented with her gold five-year Bar, and this was received by Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Chairman of the National Committee, on behalf of Miss Douglas. Miss Susan Yeung, of the Chinese work in Vancouver, B.C. received her Gold Badge for twenty-five years of devoted work for the Society among the Chinese in Vancouver, especially in the Women's Work, and the Chinese Kindergarten. Resolutions and Recommendations from Synodicals were given careful consideration and discussion both on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and suitable action was decided upon.

Thursday morning was given over to the Consideration of the 1966 Estimates, and the Financial Survey Report given by the Treasurer, Miss McClelland. The Estimate for 1966, amounting to a total of $477,679.00 was unanimously accepted by the delegates. In the afternoon, Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, conducted a General Discussion on "Education for Mission," at the conclusion of the Group Study into which all the delegates were divided to think over the four questions asked. During the afternoon, Dr. Munro spoke on the French Work in Canada; the Supply Estimate of $21,587.00 was accepted; the

Annual Blue Book Report was considered, and it was decided that for another year, this will remain in its present format. Thursday evening was a Free Evening.

Friday morning was the Closing morning, when unfinished business was cleared away, and the Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. George H. Peckover, and duly accepted. The Election and Installation of Officers was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Clarke, D.D., General Secretary, Board of Christian Education, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with Mrs. A. S. Curr, in view of special circumstances, accepting the Presidency for a fifth term, at the unanimous request of the Nominating Committee, Delegates and Council. We are privileged to publish in this issue her Closing Message of purposeful dedication and inspiration. At this time, Miss Whale introduced Miss Diana Wadsworth, of the Helen McDonald School, Jhansi, who told us the story of their care of 20 destitute Tibetan children in answer to the desperate appeal of the Dalai Llama. This was indeed "A Venture In Faith" on their part, two years ago, but so great has been the sympathetic response of our W.M.S. women that now we need a much smaller Estimate for this good work. A Presentation of a Life Membership was made to Mrs. Grace Tsai, who is soon returning to her home and work in Formosa. Mrs. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, presented the Life Membership Certificate, and expressed our love, devotion, and esteem for this gracious and clever young woman; Miss Whale, as she presented the Pin, greeted Mrs. Tsai as her "colleague and friend." A corsage was presented by the President to Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College, in warm appreciation for her hospitable kindness and the many courtesies extended to delegates during the five days of Meetings.

Mrs. D. Smith, of Alberni, B.C. on behalf of the delegates presented to Mrs. Curr, a lovely corsage as a tribute of admiration and appreciation. At this point Mrs. D. Whelan, of Beaverton, Ont., spoke to the invitation received from Formosa to send a delegate from the W.M.S. to represent the Society at the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa this June, and moved that our President, Mrs. Curr, be sent as our delegate. Immediately this was seconded by Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, of St. James, Manitoba. Mrs. Curr at once spoke to this, seeking to explain that because of the money situation at present, she had already declined the invitation and felt that her refusal was pretty well understood by everyone. As indeed it was, but with the genuine regret of all!

But Miss Whale, in her explanation as to where the money could rightfully come from, was able to overcome Mrs. Curr's objections on that score. Already there was money held for us in Formosa, as tax money we had paid and had returned because the property had been sold.

This money had already been made use of; now it was ready for second use in sending our President to the Formosan Church Celebrations; a third use would be given it by the wonderful information about these Formosan Presbyterians and their Church Centenary which Mrs. Curr would bring back, both to our Society and our Church. The Rev. D. T. Evans, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, speaking to this, reminded Mrs. Curr that the Formosan Presbyterian Church looks upon our Church in Canada as their "Mother Church," therefore the "Mother" must be present at the 100 year celebrations of "her daughter" in Formosa, and Mrs. Curr was the person who *should* be there, "in the course of her duty." Dr. E. H. Johnston, Overseas Secretary, General Board of Missions, spoke of this as a "Moment of History for part of our Christian Presbyterian family. Mrs. Curr *must* go because it *is* our church family, and it is her *duty* as President of the W.M.S." Mrs. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, also urged the necessity and responsibility of the President to represent the Society in Formosa at their Anniversary time; Mrs. Sinclair, as a former Treasurer, pointed out that since 1925 no member has contributed to the Special Fund, whence this original money came, therefore this money is not the givings of the membership; and Dr. Munro, emphasized the tremendous message Mrs. Curr would bring back to the Church in Canada, as well as the message she would carry to the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. So, at last, the motion was put and the unanimous vote decided, beyond any questioning, that Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) would travel to Formosa and represent the Society at the 100th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Church of Formosa this June. And upon that happy note, surely one of the most important "Highlights" of all, this 50th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) came to a triumphant and harmonious close.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* celebrated a 50th Anniversary Reunion, when three Charter Members — Miss Mary Clay; Miss Margaret Sanson; and Miss Gertrude Scott — were presented with corsages, and Mrs. L. H.

Johnson was also honoured for her many years of faithful service.

This Auxiliary, organized in 1914 as a Young Womens' Missionary Society, was sponsored by Mrs. W. Leslie Clay, and among the old-time members present were Mrs. Frances Lightbody Yule, and Mrs. Ella Banbury, from *Vancouver;* Mrs. Malcolm Horne from *Parksville;* and Miss Edna Auger, a former President, from *Towner Bay*. A tape recorder was used as the members told their reminiscences of their association with the Group through the years. A table display of old photographs and mementoes created much interest. Miss Margaret Sanson showed coloured slides of *Japan* and *European countries*.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — A joint Easter Thank-Offering Service was held by the Ladies Guild, C.G.I.T. and C.O.C. Groups, of Garden Village Presbyterian Church, *South Burnaby*. The Guild President, Mrs. J. Hunter, introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Ruth Yeandle, who showed interesting slides and told of the work done in the Chinese Presbyterian Kindergarten in *Vancouver*. Accompanying Miss Yeandle were the Staff and members of the Kindergarten, who sang in both English and Chinese. The Speaker was thanked by Mrs. S. L. Orr. The C.G.I.T. members led the Devotional Period and the Offertory Hymn and Prayer were given by the C.O.C. Group. Refreshments followed, and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* was marked by an excellent attendance, and a most interesting Address by Miss Edith Mann, recently returned to her home here, after serving 42 years as a Baptist Missionary in *India.* Setting up a fascinating model Indian village, Miss Mann took her listeners with her as she went through the village, meeting the various groups of people to whom she would speak or visit. Using two young women from her audience, she showed authentic Indian costumes, and explained the meaning of facial decorations, beads and bangles. Mrs. M. Magee, who has been President of this W.M.S. Auxiliary for thirty years, conducted the Worship Service and Misses Peggy Downey and May Lewis, of the W.M.S Evening Department, sang a duet.

The Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Wright, with the President in the Chair. Mrs. J. A. Davidson and Mrs. A. J. McBeth conducted the Easter Service from the April "Glad Tidings," and the Bible Study was led by the Rev. L. S. McIntyre. Mrs. A. McDougall gave a report on "The History of Presbyterianism in West Vancouver," which is to be published in book form, to coincide with the opening of the new Presbyterian Church in

West Vancouver in September. The book, "The Congregation Summoned and Sent" is used at each meeting of this Auxiliary. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. G. M. Bell, Presbyterial Historian gave an interesting Address on Easter Sunrise Services, which she had attended in *California*. Mrs. W. W. Stewart of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Holmes from Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, were pianists for the Meeting, and President, Mrs. J. A. Davidson presented the Vote of Thanks. Mrs. L. S. McIntyre closed the Meeting with Prayer, after which Lunch was served by the Hostess, Mrs. E. E. Wright, and a Social Chat over the teacups was enjoyed by everyone.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Groups of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* held their Service of Affiliation with the W.M.S., at the Sunday Evening Service following the completion of their Mission Study. Leader, Mrs. H. Arnold, conducted the Service and Mrs. Dean Findlay, Girls' Organization Secretary of this Presbyterial, presented the badges and membership cards. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. P. D. Ruddell, gave an inspiring message on "Service to Others." Those receiving badges were Lindsay Atkinson, Brenda Chase, Joanne Montgomery, Cheryl Bendick, and Gerda Vandorland. Many parents and friends attended, and refreshments were served later.

Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from her work in *India,* wore her Indian sari, when she was Guest Speaker, and showed her interesting slides of W.M.S. work in *India,* at a meeting of the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Assiniboia, Sask.* President, Mrs. H. Sinclair, led in Prayer; Mrs. R. Spencer, Secretary, gave the Bible Reading; Past President, Mrs. J. Sinclair, gave the Offertory Prayer; and Mrs. R. Spencer was Soloist. An hour of fellowship over the teacups was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the three W.M.S. Auxiliaries in *Prince Albert* joined together in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert* for their joint Easter Thank - Offering Meeting. Mrs. R. Wyllie, President of Lucy Baker W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided, and used the Easter Service in the April "Glad Tidings." Mrs. W. Gibbons, a United Church member recently returned from a tour of the *Holy Land,* was introduced by the President, and, using many fine slides, gave a most interesting description of her trip. Mrs. Gibbons was presented with a gift of appreciation, as Mrs. Wyllie thanked her, on behalf of the Meeting, for sharing her trip with the members of the three Auxiliaries. Mrs. J. Hay, who has for many years given faithful service in the small congregation at *Shipman,* was honoured by members of the James Nisbet W.M.S. Auxiliary. Refreshments, and the opportunity of getting better acquainted with one another, were both enjoyed at the Social Hour.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The ladies of *Regina's* five Presbyterian congregations met together in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* for their Thank-Offering Meeting. The fine Easter Service, prepared by Miss Lily Simpson, for many years a W.M.S. Missionary in *India,* was used from the April "Glad Tidings," and the duet "Easter Morn" was sung by Mrs. E. Carey and Mrs. C. Wilson, accompanied by Miss Catherine Vickers, Organist of Calvin Church. In appreciation of her fine musical contributions to Auxiliary Programmes in *Regina* Miss Vickers was presented with a Junior Life Membership Certificate, and a Seal, by the Edna Bell and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina.* A Life Membership and Pin were also presented, by the Edna Bell W.M.S. Auxiliary, to Mrs. E. MacLennan, who has devoted much time and many talents to her Auxiliary and Presbyterial.

Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid and informative commentary on her coloured slides, which depicted the many aspects of the life of the people, among whom she serves and witnesses. Her stimulating Address was appropriately followed by an excellent Presbyterial Literature Display. While tea was served, members had the opportunity to look over the wide variety of resource, study, and teaching helps which are available through the Publications Department, in *Toronto*, and to chat with Miss Hislop, who presented to them a challenge to their W.M.S. efforts, both as Auxiliary members, and as individuals.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — For their Easter Meeting, the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* visited Mount Royal Lodge, for Senior Citizens. President, Mrs. W. E. Early, presided; Mrs. Fred Hettle conducted the Devotional Period; and the Guest Soloist was Mrs. Lillian Carpenter. Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Presbytery Deaconess, was the Special Speaker, and her fine address told what Easter means; what it means to different people; and what it meant to the women at Jesus' tomb on that first Resurrection Morning. Following the Meeting, an informal time of friendship and visiting was enjoyed at the Tea Hour, with Mrs. Stan Morris, and Mrs. J. C. Toombs, as Hostesses.

At the March Meeting of this Auxiliary, Miss Marion Goodale was honoured, and congratulated on the celebration of her 90th Birthday, Miss Goodale is a Life Member of the W.M.S.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. David Hammond, of the Salvation Army Corps, was Guest Speaker at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon*. President, Mrs. Orville Stapleten, presided, and Mrs. D. S. Paterson conducted the Devotional Period, with Mrs. R. E. Leeson at the organ. The Rev. D. S. Paterson pronounced the Benediction after which a Social Hour was enjoyed, with Mrs. Russell Clark and her Committee in charge.

At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Southminster Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* the Guest Speaker was the Rev. Wm. G. Armitage of Trinity United Church, *Brandon,* and the Soloist was the Rev. S. A. Hayes. President, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, presided, and Mrs. D. S. Paterson conducted the Devotional Period. Mrs. Nat McMaster was Organist, and others taking active part were Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, and Mrs. Wm. Sim. On behalf of the Group, Mrs. Sarah Graham presented to Mrs. R. W. Lampkin a Life Membership Certificate and Pin. Mrs. Jack Topp, representing the Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. W. M. Hamilton. The Rev. S. A. Hayes closed the Meeting with Prayer, and refreshments were served later by Group members.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* held their Easter Thank-Offering Service in the Chapel, with President, Mrs. J. A. Andrew, in the chair. Mrs. J. H. Irving conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. J. D. Wall sang a Solo with organ accompaniment by Mrs. J. G. Milliken. An inspiring Address was given by the Rev. J. P. Jones, on the theme, "The Risen Christ — The After Glow." Miss Mary McKenzie, and Mrs. J. A. Andrew on behalf of the members, presented a life Membership and Pin to Mrs. R. W. Beattie, who is leaving to make her home in *Saint John, New Brunswick*. Mrs. Alex Thompson and her Committee convened the Social Hour, held in the Ladies' Parlour, following the Meeting.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — When the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* held their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting in McMahon Hall, President, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, welcomed the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Canadian Girls in Training, as Special Guests. Mrs. Stanley Sherlock led in prayer, and Mrs. J. Clarke Hood gave the Scripture Reading on the Easter Story. The Prayer for Missionaries was given by Mrs. M. Fidler, and Mrs. W. Comba read the Meditation. Mrs. A. Cuthbertson, C.G.I.T. Superintendent, introduced the C.G.I.T. Leaders, and the Group sang Hymns and C.G.I.T. songs, with Mrs. G. McCutcheon, as pianist.

The C.G.I.T. Affiliation Service in the W.M.S. was led by Mrs. Nancy Murray, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, who presented each girl with a Badge, after she had received her Pledge. A Social Hour followed, convened by Mrs. R. J. Smith. Mrs. A. Grant and Mrs. E. S. Sherlock poured tea.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Guest Speaker, Mrs. Lloyd Schmidt, spoke on "Christian Life," at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover,* Ontario. With organ accompaniment by Mrs. John Ward, the C.G.I.T. Group, with their Leaders, Mrs. P. Mills and Mrs. E. Forster, formed the Choir, and Miss Christine Crockford was Soloist. Mrs. C. Nutt presided, and others taking part in the Programme were Mrs. G. MacKay, Mrs. G. Ward, Mrs. W. Hoffman, Mrs. R. McLean, Mrs. D. Rennie, and Mrs. A. J. Pow. Guests were present from *Durham* and *Ayton* Churches.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne,* heard Mrs. Wm. Knox, of Paisley, their Guest Speaker, speak on the theme, "Hope," at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting. Mrs. Bruce Esplen, Mrs. Stewart Esplen, and Mrs. E. O. Burgess, conducted the Worship Service; Mrs. Gordon Crawford gave a Reading; Mrs. Ross Wark and Mrs. James McIntosh sang a duet; and Mrs. C. M. Underwood introduced the Speaker. Guests from *Paisley and Southampton,* as well as members of *Burgoyne* Women's Institute and *West Annan* Women's Institute, attended the Meeting, and enjoyed the fellowship of the Social Hour following.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The Goforth Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Chatham,* celebrated their 37th Anniversary with a Dinner and Special Programme. Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, the founder, and Honorary President of the Auxiliary, was presented with a corsage. Greetings were brought by the Rev. D. B. MacKay, Th.B., Minister of the Church; Mrs. Donald MacInnes, President of *Hamilton and London Synodical;* Mrs. Fred Creasey, President of *Chatham Presbyterial.* The Rev. Alvin McIntosh, on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker. Mrs. Ivan MacRae, Presbyterial Supply Secretary, chaired the Meeting, and an historical display compiled by Mrs. Gordon Sharpe, covered the history of the Auxiliary from its founding in 1928 to the present time.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Duart* Presbyterian Church, Miss Edna Gillies reported the highlights of the Annual Presbyterial Meeting, held in *Walkerton.* Mrs. J. W. Ford gave the Easter Message, and told of visiting the Easter Sunrise Service in *Florida,* and the Passion Play.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of *Hamilton and London* Synodical, was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* with President, Mrs. Donald MacInnes presiding. The Mayor, Mr. Joseph Moran, welcomed delegates to *Walkerton,* and the Rev. John W. Bell and Mrs. Bell warmly welcomed the Synodical to Knox Presbyterian Church. Greetings were brought, also, by Rev. Fred Miller, Moderator of Presbytery. The Worship Services were given by the Rev. Fred Miller, the Rev. Donald G. Archibald; the Rev. John W. Bell, and the Rev. Wm. Knox. The Choir of Knox Church led the singing at the Evening Service, and at a Morning Session, Mrs. W. H. Adamson conducted the "In Memoriam" Service. A Panel, moderated by Mrs. Hugh Nugent, and with ten Presbyterial Presidents taking part, on the theme, "The Challenge of the Future, Regarding Stewardship," proved most interesting. Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon spoke on "Finances," stressing the value of tithing, and of the free will offering.

The Rev. Rodger Talbot, of the Korean Presbyterian Church in *Japan,* Guest Speaker at an afternoon Session, gave a stirring message on "The Challenge of the Present," the Rev. W. A. Henderson, *Woodstock,* gave an outline of the Camps, prepared by the Rev. Donald C. MacDonald, of *Simcoe;* and Mrs. Scott Fulton, gave the Treasurer's Report. The C.G.I.T. Group of *Hanover* put on a Skit, and the Junior Choir sang. Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, spoke on "The Challenge", and on a following evening showed interesting slides of her trips to the various Mission Fields. Miss Whale said that five new Missionaries are going out this year; that 21 Tibetan children, ages 8 to 11 years, are being cared for in the *Jhonsi Field;* and told of the coming visit of herself and Miss May Nutt to *British Guiana.* The 1965 Officers, with Mrs. R. S. Burnhalm the new President, were installed by Miss Whale.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the Dorothy Douglas Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Port Stanley,* held a Social Evening at the home of Mrs. Frances Levack, when, on behalf of the donor, Miss Agnes Hepburn, a life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Levack, by Mrs. Herbert Dunn. For many years Mrs. Levack has been an active Auxiliary member, and she has been treasurer of this Auxiliary for sixteen years. Games and contests were enjoyed, and Mrs. J. Monteith, Sr., and Mrs. Watt convened the Social Hour, following the presentation.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — A sad loss has come to the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary and the members of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne* as well as to her many friends throughout the *Niagara Peninsula,* in the recent death of Miss Jennie A. Kinnear, after a brief illness in *Port Colborne* General Hospital. Miss Kinnear, a high school teacher and active member of the Presbyterian Church, gave loyal service to her Church in many capacities through the years. In the 1920s, she was leader of the Ruth Buchanan Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne* and for many years taught the Senior Girls' Class in Sunday School. She helped to organize the first C.G.I.T. Group in her Church, and was President of the *Port Colborne* Senior Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and later President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dunnville.* She also served as Glad Tidings Secretary of *Hamilton and London Synodical,* and as President of *Niagara* Presbyterial. A First Class Honours Graduate of Queen's University, and of the Ontario College of Education, Miss Kinnear was a highly successful High School teacher in *Arthur, Dutton, Haileybury, Dunnville,* and *Port Colborne.* When her sister, Judge Helen Kinnear, retired as County Court Judge for the County of Haldimand in 1962, the two sisters came back to *Port Colborne,* the home of the Kinnear family since 1899. The sympathy of all her friends, particularly those within the Church she has served so well, is warmly extended to her sister, Judge Helen Kinnear, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. A. Kinnear, also of *Port Colborne.*

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — Tribute was paid recently to a well-beloved member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tillsonburg,* the late Mrs. V. T. Hewer, in the unveiling of a beautiful stained glass window in the Sanctuary, "to the glory of God, and in memory of Mrs. V. T. Hewer." This was the gift of Mrs. Hewer's children — Mrs. Dorothy Weston, of *Three Hills, Alberta,* and Mr. Clayton Hewer, of *Oshawa, Ont.* — and was unveiled by John and Michael Hewer. The Minister, the Rev. R. D. MacDonald, B.A., conducted the Dedication Ceremony.

The late Mrs. Hewer was Treasurer of this congregation from 1929 until her death in 1964. She was an active member and leader, both in the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Ladies Aid Society of her Church; was teacher and Secretary in the Church School, and served on the Executive Committee of Paris Presbyterial. The Memorial Window depicts the Crucifixion, and the Minister closed the Dedication Ceremony with these words—"On this day, we, in St. Andrew's Church thank God for this life, and pray that we may, by His grace, be made worthier to labour in the stead of those who now have their place in the Church Triumphant."

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Wm. Boyd, of *Cornwall,* was elected President of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) at the Annual Synodical Meeting held in May in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* Ont. The Theme of the Meeting was "Rededication," and the President, Mrs. W. S. Reid presided at all sessions.

Dr. W. L. MacLellan, Pastor of this Church, welcomed delegates and conducted the Opening Devotions. The Guest Speaker, Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions for the W.M.S., was introduced by President, Mrs. W. S. Reid, and, after conveying Greetings from Council Executive, gave an informative and inspiring Address on the W.M.S. work carried on, in its many phases, throughout Canada, and urged that as members looked back over the past century of W.M.S. work in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, they might realize the very high standards of those Missionary women, who had laid the foundations of the W.M.S. work we now carry on, and look upon the future years as a greater challenge than ever before—one which calls for the rededication of every member, in the fullest sense of the word, "Rededication."

The retiring President, Mrs. W. S. Reid, in presenting her Report, spoke of the inspiring and deep-lasting memories of the 100th Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal,* last year; the calibre of those who implemented the Programme; her personal pleasure in presenting the Anniversaries Book for this Synodical; and the inspiration of the personal contacts with the Missionaries who attended from all our Fields. Her closing words stressed the shortage, both of workers and money, and urged the faithful co-operation of every member, in study, prayer, work and rededication.

Presbyterial Reports from the various Secretaries were most encouraging and told of much work accomplished during the year. Treasurer, Miss B. Ferguson, reported increased givings, despite a slight decrease in membership. The 'In Memoriam' Service was conducted by Mrs. Hugh Wilson of *Avonmore.* The Closing Address was given by the Rev. Hugh Wilson, a former Missionary in *India,* who brought a stirring message, based on Joshua's question—"What saith my God to His servant?"

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For all that the bountiful Giver
Hath given to gladden our days!"
(John White Chadwick — 1840-1904)

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THE OUT-GOING MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

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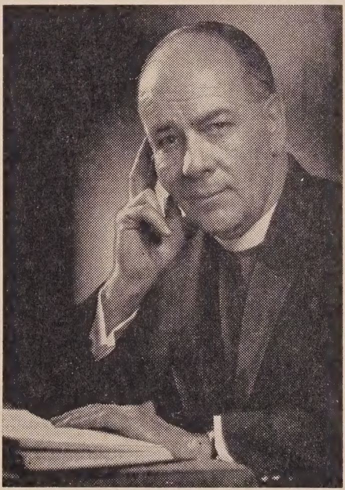

(Dr. Cameron recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ministry in Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and, at the special request of the Editor, who was present on that occasion, he has kindly permitted us to publish this brief summary of the outstanding Sermon, preached that Sunday morning, not only to the members of his own congregation, but to the large number of former members, friends, and well-wishers from near and far, who filled the Sanctuary to capacity. At the Luncheon held for Dr. and Mrs. Cameron at the close of the Service by his appreciative congregation, which was a complete surprise, generous gifts were presented, and congratulations received from many sources, including a framed Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Dr. Cameron from the City of Toronto, for his steadfast Christian witness and influence in the life of his City and his Country, and the splendid work he has carried on, through his own Church, in that part of the City.)

THE PREVAILING THOUGHT in the teaching of Jesus, and in the consciousness of the men who recorded His life and teaching and the work of the early Church, was the idea of the Kingdom of God. This constituted the goal of the out-going missionary work of the early Church. Men were missionary because they had been redeemed by faith in Jesus Christ, and they knew that His prevailing desire was that they should go into all the world and teach.

Men realized also that God had come into the process of human history, and in profoundly spectacular ways had acted to influence the course of history. Especially was this true in the fact of the crucifixion and of the resurrection. A far better symbol of the former than the pain-drenched, emaciated figure hanging on the Cross, is the figure of Christ robed and crowned. He is now the King, a Ruler of all life. This, of course, rests upon the firm conviction that Christ was God incarnate. The out-going missionary life of the Church, without which it has little or no life, is founded upon the same compulsion which moved the soul of St. Paul, when he said—"Necessity is laid upon me, woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

The preaching of the apostles was not a philosophy nor a theory. It was grounded in history, because they preached about what had occurred, about what God had done. Thus the Church became a God-centred, rather than a man-centred, institution. From that day to this, the Church exists to bring men to God through faith in Christ, and to send them out to proclaim that faith throughout the world.

These earlier Christians also realized that their faith was not a thing of the past, but was a living, dynamic fact of the present, because Christ was alive in them. As St. Paul wrote "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

This consciousness of the living Christ makes the difference between an ecclesiastical machine, pre-occupied with its own organization, and a Church that is constantly giving itself for the needs of sinning and suffering humanity.

There is also, in the preaching of the early Apostles, the element of the expectation of the return of Christ in the future. Their hope was intensified, because all the promises which He had made had been fulfilled for them, and so, as God's men, they gave themselves completely.

If Christ is the Head of all creation, then the new life, which He gave, is God's guarantee of the redemption of all creation. The great mind of John Milton perceived the implications of the Fall of Man, and of The Redemption. In Paradise Lost he describes the tragedy of man's fall, and following it a sigh passes through all of nature. All will be restored and redeemed when the universal rule of Christ becomes a fact.

In their preaching, and in the celebration of the Sacraments, the Apostles presented a living Christ in communion with His people. One of the glories of Christianity is its historical setting and significance.

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by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou Who art at once our tender, loving Heavenly Father, and our mighty Sovereign Lord, we lift our hearts to Thee in humble gratitude, and deep thanksgiving, for Thy constant care, and comforting Presence with us, throughout all the days of summertime, whether our footsteps have gone far afield as we sought rest and relaxation, or whether the busy days at home have been even more filled with responsibilities and toil. Our thoughts are overflowing with praise that now, in the rich fulfilment of the harvest-tide, we are permitted, once again, to gather together in Thy Name, in Christian fellowship and prayerful planning. We come, rejoicing in Thy bounty and Thy goodness, and with renewed inspiration and eagerness, as we look into the days to come. May we realize anew how ready and waiting are Thy fields for harvesting, and how great a task awaits us to attempt for Thee. Grant to us, Oh most gracious Father, this vision glorious, and guide us, as the days unfold, in the way that Thou would'st have us go.

We would ask Thee for gentle hearts, dear Father, and quiet minds to hear Thy voice, to know the staying power of Thy love, and the miracle of Thy peace within our daily lives. Help us to conquer fear and anxiety, and remove from us all intolerance, distrust, and waywardness, as we lose ourselves in perfect faith and spiritual communion with Thee, in all we think and do. Incline our hearts in sympathy and understanding toward all those who are helpless, and in need, and who have not yet come to know Thee in all Thy glory and redeeming love.

Very specially bless all Missionaries who proclaim Thy message of salvation unto all those needy ones in distant lands, and in our homeland; strengthen their hearts and their courage, and may they ever know Thy power and Thy nearness in every hour of crisis, or distress. May they be conscious, too, of our loving fellowship with them in the work they seek to do for Thee, and may they feel the steadfast support of our united intercessions for them before Thy Throne of Grace, as we carry them in our hearts.

We pray Thee, oh God, for Thy Church in all the world, and particularly for that branch of Thy Church in which we worship. Pour out upon her, and all her Ministers and Workers in Thy cause, Thy Holy Spirit and Thy power, and grant unto them wisdom, judgement, and ever-increasing zeal in proclaiming unto all mankind Thy wondrous message of salvation. Bless all the members of our Society, and draw us ever closer together in mutual understanding and loyalty, as we meet together in unity of work and prayer, in the months ahead. Give to each one of us the task best fitted for our individual doing, and the wisdom and ability to accept it as a sacrificial offering unto Thee, Whose compassion and forgiveness has been so infinite toward Thine unworthy children, from generation unto generation.

We ask it all in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

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THEY HONOUR HER MEMORY — IN NIGERIA!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1965, marked the 50th Anniversary of the death of Mary Slessor, and on that day the members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria joined with the congregations of the Calabar area in a Special Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the dedicated woman, whose years of devoted Missionary service in Nigeria have made her name a beloved memory forever among the people of that land.

This Service was held in the Calabar Sports Stadium, planned by a Committee appointed by the Standing Committee of Synod, under the convenership of the Rev. E. A. Onuk. The Rev. J. M. Lewars presented a brief history of the life and work of Miss Slessor, and Mr. Dan Slessor, who as a young lad was cared-for by Miss Slessor and given her name, gave a short address on his remembrances of this kind Christian woman who had meant so much to him.

On Wednesday, January 13th, a Memorial Service was held by the Calabar Presbytery at the Cemetery, where a wreath of remembrance was placed on Miss Slessor's grave, by Mrs. L. A. Anwann. A brief address was given by Mr. E. A. Amaku. Again, on Sunday, January 31st, Special Services were held in many Presbyterian Churches, in memory of the life and work of Miss Slessor. At Use, where Miss Slessor was living at the time of her death, and where today stands a Cairn in her memory, many people gathered in worship and thanksgiving. Among those present were the Rev. Dr. Neville Davidson, a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Mrs. Davidson, who were visiting Nigeria in connection with the meetings of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. (Courtesy of "The Nigerian Presbyterian", Editor, the Rev. Earle T. Roberts).

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by MRS. A. S. (AGNES CURR)

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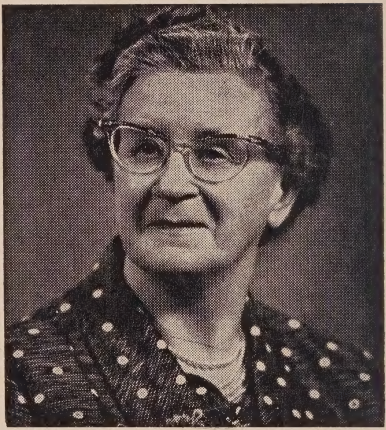
(Mrs. Curr represented the Society at the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa in June)



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"The Mission of The Church in the World Today."

There are no words I can use which would fittingly describe, or present, a picture to you of the thrilling experience that was mine, as I attended the Centenary Celebrations in Formosa. It was a very great honour and privilege for me to represent our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) on this very special occasion.

Looking at the thousands of people who were in attendance at the Services during the days from June 16th to June 22nd, one was made very conscious that here was manifest before our eyes in this Island of Formosa, *a living miracle of God's grace.*

On June 16th, Missionary Rallies were held in different buildings throughout the City of Tainan, from ten O'clock to twelve noon. I had the privilege of speaking at one of these Rallies, which was held in a Girls' Christian School. As I listened to the Call to Worship, taken from Matthew 28: verses 18-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost", I felt that these people were very conscious of the mission of their Church in the world today.

On the evening of June 16th, from six to eight P.M., a Centenary Worship Service was held in Tainan Chong Jung Middle School Athletic Field, with an attendance of between thirty and forty thousand people. This was followed by a Parade of Witness. The quietness and reverence of those in this Parade, which took an hour to pass, must have made a great impression on the many people who watched it. The only sound we heard was the Band, as they played "Onward Christian Soldiers." Truly, this *was* a parade of Christian witness. The Formosan Christians are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

On Thursday, June 17th, from six to eight O'Clock P.M., we met again in Tainan Chong Jung Middle School Athletic Field, for the P.K.U. Thanksgiving Service. There, again, one was impressed with the choice of Scripture readings taken from Isaiah 54:2—"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." What a thrilling moment it was when the groups from the new P.K.U. Churches, and the new Mountain Churches were introduced. The Report of the Mountain Committee tells us that the Gospel has been preached in every Mountain Village, and that one-third of the Mountain people are members of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. On June 19th and 20th, we visited the East Coast, and shared in the Centenary Celebrations there.

In the Tarak Worship Service in the Chi-oang Memorial Church, we were reminded of pioneer Christians who had worshipped in a Cave Church, under the guidance of Chi-oang, who is revered as the Mother of the Tribal Church. Returning from the East Coast to Taipei, we met in Taipei Athletic Stadium for the final Centenary Service. There, again, thousands of people were in attendance, with a union Choir of 400 voices. What a thrill it was to listen as they sang, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"; "Lift Up Your Heads"; and the final Hymn, with both Choir and congregation singing, "The Church's One Foundation"! Their singing is a source of great inspiration to the listener. Truly, they are a "Singing Church."

On Tuesday, June 22nd, a Christian Women's Rally was held in Taipei City Hall, which seats 2,000 people. Again, every seat was filled. It was a wonderful experience for me to represent our Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), as I spoke to these women, of our common task as Christian women, seeking to remind them that we *are* "Labourers together with God." Between all these Services, we visited Schools, the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Teng hai University, and many other well known places, familiar names to most of us in Canada.

In closing, I must mention our visit to the Korean Presbyterian Church in Japan. Although our time there was short, we enjoyed a time of splendid Christian fellowship with the Korean Christians. On Saturday, June 26th, we met in fellowship at a Japanese Luncheon with Christian friends of three Nations—Canada, Korea, and Japan. Here, again, we were very conscious of Christian "togetherness", as we joined together in singing—

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him, no South or North,
But one great Fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth."

Thus we realized that we are all one in Christ Jesus. There is so much that I could write, but it is impossible to put in writing all that is in my heart! It was for me a time of heart-searching; an uplifting time; a time of worship and of fellowship; a time I shall never forget.

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OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.
Executive Director of Overseas Missions

NEW APPOINTMENTS

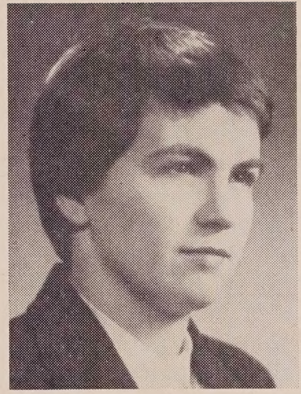
We are very happy to announce that five new Missionaries have been appointed this year to serve on Overseas Mission Fields. Three are going to Formosa, and two to India.

MISS GAMBLE

Miss Louise Gamble. Miss Gamble is moving from work under the National Department of our Society to work in Formosa, where she will serve in Christian Education, or, as we still describe it overseas, as an Evangelist. Miss Gamble has been working in the Chinese Church in Montreal. She has long had the wish to serve abroad, and we rejoice to know that she is seeing the fulfillment of her wish.

Miss Gamble is at the moment a member of Robert Campbell Memorial Church in Montreal. She grew up in the Chatsworth area in Ontario. She was designated as a Deaconess in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chatsworth, three years ago. The Presbytery of Bruce, and her home congregation, had a Service of Recognition for her as an Overseas Missionary on August 1st, 1965. Miss Gamble will go to Formosa this autumn.

Miss Rose Chambers, R.N., B.Sc.N.: Miss Chambers is a nurse, and a graduate of Ewart College. She has been working in the city of Toronto in Nursing Education. Her home is New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. She will be designated as a Deaconess in what was her home Church, First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, N.S., the middle of September. Miss Chambers is a member of Knox Church, Toronto, and is receiving financial support from that congregation. She has been invited to serve in MacKay Memorial Hospital in Nursing Education, and will proceed to the Field the latter part of September.



MISS ROSE CHAMBERS

Miss Diane Petrie, R.N., B.Sc.N.: Miss Petrie is a nurse. She graduated from the one-year Special Course at Ewart College, a year ago. She has been invited to Formosa to share in the Public Health ministry of the Formosan Church. It is anticipated that she will be working among the mountain people of Formosa.

Miss Petrie is a member of St. Martin's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. She was designated by that church as an Overseas Missionary on May 30, 1965. She has served in Public Health service in Canada with the Victorian Order of Nurses, in the Pembroke area. Miss Petrie goes to Formosa in 1966.

MISS DIANE PETRIE

Miss Ruth Bentley: Miss Bentley is going to the Bhil Field in India to serve in the Christian Education work; or, as an Evangelist. She has already served a term and one-half in India under the Salvation Army. She returned from India, and has taken the Deaconess Course at Ewart College. She graduated in that course this Spring, and was designated as a Deaconess of our church by the Presbytery of Guelph, in Knox's Church, Galt, Ontario on June 24th. Miss Bentley is a member of the United Church of Northern India, joining that church through a congregation in Surat. She will be leaving Canada late in September, to arrive in India early in October.

MISS RUTH BENTLEY

Miss Eleanor Knott, B.H.Sc., M.A.: Miss Knott has been appointed to serve in the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, in Jhansi, India. She will serve there as a teacher of Home Science, and will also give leadership in the Christian education work, done at that School.

Miss Knott is a graduate in Home Science from the University of Toronto, and has served with the Ontario Department of Agricultural Extension Service. During the last two years she has undertaken a course in Christian Education at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. Miss Knott will be designated as an Overseas Missionary in her home church in Thornbury, by the Presbytery of Barrie, the middle of September. She is a

MISS ELEANOR KNOTT

member of Knox Church, Toronto and is partially supported financially by that congregation. Miss Knott will go to the Field the latter part of September.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Miss Audrey Prendergast, R.N.: Miss Prendergast left Toronto on her return to the Bhil Field in India, on July 5th. She returns to serve as Director of Nursing Service in Jobat Hospital. Miss Prendergast is a member of Knox Church, Toronto. During her furlough Miss Prendergast studied at the University of Alberta, and did deputation in Ontario.

Miss Agnes Hislop: Miss Hislop left Meath Park, Saskatchewan, at the end of July, to return to the Bhil Field, in India, to continue in her ministry as an evangelist. Combining study and deputation during her furlough, she attended the University of Saskatchewan for the academic year, and did deputation in the Maritime Provinces, in Ontario, and in Saskatchewan, during her furlough.

Mrs. L. W. Gehman, R.N., M.A.: Mrs. Gehman returned to India, leaving Canada the end of August, to take up her work in Vellore Christian College, School of Nursing. Mrs. Gehman's home is in Galt, Ontario, where she is a member of Knox's Church. She spent her furlough doing deputation in Ontario, and in the Maritime Provinces, with the W.M.S. (E.D.).

Miss Merle McGowan: Miss McGowan returned to British Guiana during the month of August, to take up a position on the invitation of the Guiana Presbytery. In this task, she will be associated with the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education, and will be Associate Director of the new Leadership Training Center, St. Columba's House, Vryheids Lust. Miss McGowan's home is in Northside, Saskatchewan. She spent her furlough in Deputation in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

Three of our staff people are returning for furlough. **Miss Shirley Dredge** will be the first to arrive. She is completing her first term in Nigeria. She has served as Head Mistress in Union School, Umuahia, and, during the last few months, she has been working with Miss Gollan and Miss Bulmer in Christian Education work. Miss Dredge's home is in Nassagaweya, Ontario.

Our two Senior Staff people in Formosa are coming home; both of them on retirement from the service of the Society.

Miss Dorothy Douglas has served for over thirty years in Formosa. Except for a brief period during the war when she was in British Guiana, all her Missionary service has been in the Tamkang Middle Schools. It is impossible, in this section of the magazine, to fully pay tribute to the service which

Miss Douglas has given to the Church in Formosa, and particularly to the church's educational work there. We will be writing about Miss Douglas later. She arrives in Canada the early days of September. Her home is in Lucknow, Ontario.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N. is travelling with Miss Douglas on her return journey from Formosa. Like Miss Douglas, she has given her whole career to the work of the Church. Most of her service has been in Formosa. The exception is a period during the war, and the very beginning of her life as a missionary of our Society. Both of these times she served in Hospitals in Canada, which were then under the W.M.S. (W.D.). Miss Hermanson will be on the Society's staff until the spring of next year. She will be meeting many of you, as she does some deputation. It is anticipated that Miss Hermanson will make her home in British Columbia.

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Your Prayers are asked

— For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon each member of the National Staff, as they begin this Autumn season of work.

—That their stewardship of time and talents may be interpreted anew, and with even greater zeal than ever before, by all whom they serve throughout the seven Synodicals.

— for all groups as they meet together to begin their work for the autumn that each member may feel a part of a vast company of Christian women around the world; and conscious of this endeavour to fulfil her calling as a Christian.

— for leaders new and old as they meet groups of children and youth, that, aware of great responsibility, each one may depend upon God for wisdom and guidance.

— for the new Missionaries going out to their fields of service. Pray that they may be given strength of body, mind, and spirit to meet the opportunities which God will give.

— for all the other members of our Staff in the six Fields, remembering especially those who are journeying home from their Fields of service; remembering, too, those who may be suffering from physical disability at this time. Pray that all may be allowed to fulfill the purpose God has for them.

You — and Your Adult Group

MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

by MISS MAY NUTT,
Assistant in the Adult Dept.

MRS. RICHARDSON dried her hands on her apron as she made her way to the mail box—curious to know what was in the package she had just heard the mailman deliver. Seeing the return address — "Women's Missionary Society," she realized it was the new Study Packet for 1965-66, which she had ordered to be sent as soon as available. The title of the packet took her eye — "MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING." Hmmmm — "Mission: Margaret Richardson's Calling?" went flashing through her mind! "I wonder if the Study in our group this year will help me find out," thought Mrs. Richardson as she made herself comfortable in the armchair, and began to leaf through the two booklets, "The Word With Power" and "Realms of Our Calling." She was pleased to see that Suzanne de Dietrich was the author of "The Word With Power," for she had studied one of this author's Bible Study booklets a number of years ago, and found it very helpful. Her eyes fell on these words from this booklet—"the missionary calling of the Church concerns the whole Church, and not a few specialists; it concerns every congregation and every member of it, whatever the form of his witness and service may be"—and her interest grew. "Realms of Our Calling" also stressed the fact that every Christian is called to a concern about "the whole man under God."

Coming to the Programme Outlines, Mrs. Richardson noticed that the first Outline was entitled "Called for a Purpose." "That could apply to me," she thought, "or to our group, and also to our Church. I hope the study will answer what that purpose is!" Mrs. Richardson read further — "Why, it's a Bible Study! Our group has been asking for a Bible Study for some time—I must call the other members of our Programme Committee," thought Mrs. Richardson, "for this will mean that our group must plan a little more carefully than in some years."

After Mrs. Richardson looked through the other outlines—"Called to Proclaim," "Called for the World," "Called to be Salt and Light," "Called to the Ministry of Reconciliation," and "Called to be Co-Builders," she called one of the other members of the Programme Committee.

"Hello, Mrs. Rowe? I'm glad I got you home! I just received the Study Packet for this year, from the

Publications' Department of the Women's Missionary Society. It's a Bible Study! You would almost think the Committee had been reading our minds. Do you think we could get our Programme Committee together fairly soon? We will need to be in touch with all the members of our group, well before our meeting, as the first programme—as do all the others—requires each of us to do some home preparation before the meeting. There's a suggested Home Study Guide in the packet — maybe we could have it mimeographed and sent out before our meeting."

"You would like to know if there is any information included in the packet on the work our Church is involved in — well, just a minute and I'll take another look at the Programme Outlines."

"Oh, here it is—at the end of every Programme there is a section entitled 'Our Involvement Through Christian Outreach.' Each Programme covers a different area—like the witness of laymen, co-operative work, women's organizations, education and medical work, as well as evangelism and social action, around the world.

"We will certainly have a full year if we use all the material contained in the packet. Did you say we could meet next week? I think it would be most helpful to begin thinking about this theme. I hope we will come to some important conclusions in our discussions."

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WHERE DO YOU FIT IN ?

"Some Church members are like *Wheelbarrows* — no good unless pushed!

Some are like *Canoes* — they need to be paddled!

Some are like *Kites* — if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away!

Some are like *Footballs* — you can't tell which way they are going!

Some are like *Trailers* — no good unless pulled!

Some are like *Balloons* — likely to blow up unless handled carefully!

Some are 100% in regular attendance — willing at all times to help do the work!" (Selected)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

LISTEN FOR A RAINBOW, By Bernice Hogan

What a lovely Title! But, can anyone "listen" for a rainbow? Not with the ears, perhaps, but with the heart—yes! In this splendid book of Meditations, Mrs. Hogan inspires her readers, and points out to them how it is possible to witness to the numberless miracles which are created by God alone, and which are round about us every day as we travel through life. She says, "It is for the awareness of these miracles that this book is written. Listen with your heart that you may hear a rainbow. See, with the sense of divinity which God has given you, that you may touch intolerance, and dare to do something about it. Feel with your heart, that you may see the cry of the oppressed, the frightened, or the lonely one, perhaps beside you in a crowded store. Grow toward a mountain; confront a grief! We can hear the silent promise of God, but we must listen, for the rainbow will come out of the heavens, and it will emerge from the dark depression of our hearts!"

This book contains 39 brief Meditations, each complete in itself, with a suitable verse of Scripture; a concise thinking-through of one of life's everyday happenings; and a closing Sentence-Prayer. These are arranged under provocative and unusual Headings—"Listen For A Rainbow; Watch for a Melody; Grow Toward A Mountain; Touch A Sunrise; See The Thunder and The Faint Breeze; Grasp Hold of a Dream; Confront A Grief; Deny You're But Human; Behold The Voice of God." Mrs. Hogan is the busy wife of a busy Minister, the mother of three children, and very active in Church and Community Affairs. She is a versatile and creative writer, and has three successful books to her credit, as well as this latest one. Price—$2.75.

MEN FOR OTHERS, By Stanley J. Rowland, Jr.

This new book, just off the Press, is about "Mission in Daily Life, "as the Author has personally seen it in the truly Christian lives of these eleven men and women, about whom he writes. The question "What *Is*

The Mission of a Christian?" is much in our minds in these times of conflict and indecision, and much has been written and spoken about it—these are the stories of some of those quiet and everyday people who faithfully exemplify "the Christian Mission" in their own lives and activities. Through the 175 pages of this book, we share in the personal thinking and living of good Christian people, who have come to realize that they can be Missionaries, perhaps not in the usual sense of the word, but in their daily work and contacts, wherever, and whatever, these may prove to be.

Literally, these eleven people come from all parts of the world, and almost all walks of life. This is a most interesting book, and most applicable to our Study Theme and thinking for the coming year. Mr. Rowland is, himself, a well-known poet and writer, and he has the Poet's seeing eye and perceptive heart, as well as the gift of understanding and interpreting people. He has written two previous books, and also a Play for Friendship Press, and is now Feature Writer and Editor for the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations, of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Price—$1.95.

BEYOND OUR SELVES, By Catherine Marshall

This is not a new book—it was published in 1961—but, like all of this Author's books, it is a most worth-while possession, and worth re-reading many times. Her sub-title is, "A Woman's Pilgrimage in Faith," and that is definitely what it is—a deeply moving revealing of the unfolding of her own strong and growing faith; of answered prayer and guidance; of suffering, sorrow, and miracles; of accepting grief, and realizing its significance in her own life; of the work and influence of that most outstanding Christian Minister, her late husband, Peter Marshall; and of her own Christian growth and acceptance of life, and its depth of meaning, under God. As she faced the crushing blow and sorrow of her husband's death, Catherine Marshall has proven herself a remarkable woman, strong in her Christian faith and concern, and living a full and completely worthwhile life. Price—$5.85.

WHY WAIT TILL MARRIAGE? By Evelyn Millis Duvall

We have so often had enquiries come to us, both from parents and young people, as well as from Groups and individuals, for such a book as this, that I am glad to be able to draw attention to this Book, which is extremely well-written, and thought-out, and, in every way the type of book needed to help young people, both in High School and the College years, to a better understanding of the sensible reasons back of our accepted moral standards, which, nowadays, are so seriously and generally questioned, and often so tragically violated. Dr. Duvall, (who is well known for her previous books, "Facts of Life and Love for Teen-Agers," "Love and the Facts of Life," and also "The Art of Dating," which was written in collaboration with her daughter,") has written this new book, as a much-needed and plain-speaking guidebook, planned to answer specific questions, as well as to be read through from beginning to end. It is recommended, too, for group discussions, wherever thinking young adults meet to talk and think together. Parents, Counsellors, and all who live and work with the young adults of today, will find this a very valuable and helpful book in many ways. Price—$3.25.

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> "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day."
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> (—Abraham Lincoln.)

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NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

The National Department is pleased to welcome five new members of staff. Three of these young women previously served the Church under the General Board of Missions and transferred to our Society on April 1st, 1965.

MISS IRIS FORD

Miss Iris M. Ford was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia. She received her education in Hamilton, Bermuda, where her father was Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for a number of years. In 1950, Miss Ford came to Canada to study piano and organ at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and lived in the Deaconess Residence. While in residence, she received the call to serve within the Church, and entered upon the Deaconess course, graduating in 1954. Miss Ford served as Congregational Deaconess in MacVicar Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and Alexander Presbyterian Church, Brantford. Following a year in Bermuda, Miss Ford was appointed by the General Board of Missions as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Peace River. She was later transferred to Red Deer, Alberta, where for three years she was in charge of the West Park extension work. For the past two and a half years she has served as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Winnipeg. Her appointment under our Society is to Inner City work in Winnipeg.

Miss Mary-Lou Funston, R.N. the daughter of Mrs. Funston and the late Rev. H. G. Funston, was born in Kitchener, Ontario. She received her Public School education in Chilliwack, B.C. and her High School education in Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and Vankleek Hill, Ontario. Miss Funston entered for Nurse's training at the General Hospital, Kingston, Ontario, graduating as a Registered Nurse. On hearing the call to work within the Church, Miss Funston entered Ewart College in 1959. Upon graduation, in the Spring of 1962, she was appointed under the General Board of Missions as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of

Brandon. Miss Funston will continue her work in Brandon Presbytery as a member of our National Staff.

Miss Shirley M. Smart was born in Calgary, Alberta, where she received her primary and secondary education. Following a short business course, she worked for two years for the Canadian Imperial Bank. Prior to entering Deaconess Training in 1959, Miss Smart was active in many areas of the Church's work — Church School, C.G.I.T., Vacation School, and Y.P.S. Upon graduation from Ewart College in the Spring of 1962, she was appointed, under the General Board of Missions, as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Calgary, where she has been engaged in Leadership Training, Vacation School, Camps, extension work, as well as a pre-school week-day programme for four- and five-year-olds. Miss Smart will continue her work in Calgary Presbytery under the Society until the early Fall, when it is expected a transfer will be made.

The other two new appointees are members of this year's graduating class of Ewart College:—

Miss Margaret Balderston was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received her education at Winsloe School and Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, where she is a member of Zion Presbyterian Church. Prior to entering Ewart College, in the Fall of 1962, she

MARY-LOU FUNSTON

SHIRLEY M. SMART

was active in Young People's and Choir Work. Miss Balderston also spent several summers at Camp Kier as a camper, and later as a Leader. She served in summer appointments in the Presbyteries of Temiskaming and Edmonton. Miss Balderston's Service of Designation took place in Zion Church on Monday evening, May 17th. She took up her duties on June 1st as Director of Christian Education in the Lakefield Territorial Mission, Peterborough Presbytery, where she will serve in the six Charges, which make up this territorial Mission Field.

MARGARET BALDERSTON

Miss Marilyn G. Duffield, whose home is in Sylvan Lake, Alberta, was born in Red Deer. She received her public schooling in Sylvan Lake and her High Schooling in Red Deer. Following the completion of a Commercial Course, she was employed as a secretary for two and a half years, with the Alberta Government Telephones, in Calgary. Prior to beginning her training for work within the Church, Miss Duffield was active in C.G.I.T., Church School, Young People's, and Choir Work. A keen interest in, and concern for, the plight of the Indian Canadian, led her to enter Ewart College with a desire to work with Canada's first citizens. She served in two summer appointments—in the Lake-of-the-Woods and Prince Albert Presbyteries. Miss Duffield's service of Designation was conducted by the

MARILYN G. DUFFIELD

Presbytery of Red Deer, in Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sylvan Lake, on Thursday evening, May 13th. During the month of August, she participated in the "Operation Beaver" project of the Canadian Council of Churches on the Whitefish Bay Indian Reserve in North-Western Ontario. She took up her duties as Deaconess on this same reserve on September 1st.

Two members of our National staff have been transferred to other Departments within the Society. **Miss Louise Gamble,** following three years of service in our Chinese work in Montreal, joined the Overseas staff on June 1st, where she is under appointment to Formosa. **Miss Martine J. van Beek,** having completed three years as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Temiskaming, followed by her study furlough at Waterloo University, was transferred on September 1st to the Organization Department, where she will serve as a Regional Secretary. We would express our appreciation to these young women for their fine contribution to the work under our National Department.

It was with regret that we received the resignation of Miss Emily Drysdale from our National staff, effective August 31st. Miss Drysdale has served within the Presbytery of Red Deer for the past two years and leaves to accept an appointment as Congregational Deaconess in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax. Our thanks for a job well done go to Emily and also our prayers that God will richly bless her endeavours in her new field of service.

Miss Hazell Davis completed her study furlough at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, in mid-May, and proceeded immediately to Montreal, where she took up her new duties in the Chinese Church, replacing Miss Gamble. We wish Miss Davis well in this new sphere of service in National Missions.

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PEACE!

"Peace be to this house in its understanding, that it may not be involved in errors.
Peace be to this house in its decisions, that it may be willingly led to God.
Peace be to this house in its affection, that it may not be moved by inordinate passions.
Peace be to this house, that it may be finally united in the Lord Christ in faith, hope and love.
This I would say about the peace of the World!"

Master John Hus.

(Written by John Hus, the great Czechoslovakian Reformer, who died at the stake in 1415, *for his belief. This year is the* 550*th Anniversary of his death)*

VENTURE INTO THE INNER CITY

by MISS DOROTHY McCOMBIE and MISS IRIS FORD

Deaconesses, Inner City, Winnipeg

THIS PAST YEAR THE W.M.S. family have been studying the "Inner City", especially the story of "The Vacation Bible School on the Parking Lot". The children have met Charlotte and Shanny, who are now living in a new housing development. But there are hundreds of other boys and girls now coming to us, eating our cookies and drinking our kool-aid, and generally making themselves at home with us at 748 Flora Avenue.

The boys and girls were so disappointed last year when V.B.S. came to a close that Miss Iris (that is the name the children call her) and I felt something should be done by our Church for the children of the neighbourhood. The fact that the children run around in ragged clothing has left them out of so much, and they had no where to go during the week.

Last October we decided to take a plunge and move into the Inner City. We searched for a suitable house to rent, and after several unpleasant experiences with dirty, unkept homes, we found just the thing. '748' has a big living-room and dining area, which serves well as the Club meeting room, and has held up to forty children at one meeting. The kitchen and office serve as the kindergarten department for the Sunday School, and one large room in the basement is used for the Junior Sunday School, and the handwork room for the Clubs.

Any Sunday before Easter would find between seventy and eighty children at "748". When we walk down the street, there are still a large number of children and young people who are not being reached by any Church group. Being the only Protestant work in this area, we wonder how many children we will have next year! It is hoped that the whole basement may be painted this summer, so that we will have room to expand, and also to provide a "drop-in" club for the teen-agers in the neighbourhood, who have nowhere else to go, except to the local pool hall. We would like to have our basement equipped with ping-pong, table games, a pool table and a refreshment counter. Mr. Hugh Connolly, student from North Bay, Ontario, has been working through the summer to get to know the young people, and to bring them to "748". Future plans for "748" also include an informal get-together with mothers and preschool children, where we can perhaps influence the parents in their Christian responsibility to their children. We also hope to have a gathering of the Senior Members of our society. This, too, will be informal, and will be a time of fellowship and companionship under Christ.

What are the children like here? We have mentioned the ragged clothes and the dirty homes, but this does not apply to all. The common factor is that they have little or no money. A great number are supported only by the monthly welfare cheque, which often is misused, particularly on liquor. When the junior children were asked to bring bits of old clothing to dress puppets, one little girl came up with tears in her eyes to say, "Miss Dorothy, we have no rags at our house," and I realized that her rags were on her back. Many of the children are Ukrainian, or Polish Orthodox, and know very few Bible stories. The Bible at home cannot be read, for the children do not know the language of their parents. Kind friends are providing us with English Bibles for distribution, but we like the children to contribute something towards their own Bible. One little six-year-old brought one penny, and anxiously said, "Here is the money for my Bible!"

Miss Iris and I have our hands full at the Clubs. When you have forty children in your home, who have little or no discipline in their background, light-fingered, and full of life, it is a handful! One day after Sunday School, Miss Iris discovered some of her bath oil capsules missing. These looked just like candy. You can imagine how we laughed when we discovered one of these capsules in the Laundry Hamper. It had been chewed!

During the winter months we have run Clubs for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate children. At ten minutes past four, these children arrive, clamouring to be let into the house. The groups are run as secret Clubs with a pass-word, an opening ceremony, games, singing, kool-aid and cookies, a Biblical or Missionary story, related handwork and closing Worship. The children are slowly learning what Worship means. The Worship Centre has a candle, symbolic of Christ the Light of the World, and an open Bible, symbolic of God's word to us today. The children are learning to read the Bible, but it is a difficult struggle, for it is a foreign book to them. Can you imagine a whole group, living here in Canada, and never having heard of Judas Iscariot; or another group who did not know that the Christmas story is recorded in the Bible?

What of the parents? You might ask do they support us? When Miss Iris and I first visited in the Fall, the mothers of the children were pleased that we were taking an interest in their children. One father who had not received the information re the Clubs, but who had heard it from the children upstairs, came to our door to ask if his children would be allowed to come. He is very shy and quiet, and we realize now what a struggle it was for him to make that first visit on behalf of his children. Many parents, however, could not care less about their children, and the children run the streets until all hours of the night. We offered to send a little girl to Camp, along with several other boys and girls. You can imagine our surprise when the Father absolutely refused to let her go, and we learned from the Mother that the Father's attitude was that if he had to suffer, then so would his children. Some of these things make us sick at heart, and only through

God's grace in Jesus Christ can we ever hope to reach a man like this.

"748" being on the fringe of the depressed area, two blocks from the C.P.R. tracks, is a haven in the midst of an area where the children have a house, sometimes a shack, but *not* a home. The boys bring us their baby robins in the hope that we can keep them alive, and the "old timers" show the new children through the house, as if it were their own. We have come to realize that, under God's guidance, we have hit upon a key to working in the Inner City. The children here need a home away from home, not a big recreation centre. They need Christian friends in the neighbourhood to whom they can turn, a practical application of the Biblical fact that the love of Christ surrounds us. At first we thought a Mission Centre would be the answer, but now we realize that it is in the home approach that Christ comes the closest, at least down here. It is our dream that girls, or married couples, will be sent out, two by two into the depressed areas of Canada's large cities, where they, through their daily lives, and through their concern and interest in their neighbours will live the Christian witness.

It is not easy to live in these areas, but Christ still is saying "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." We, Miss Iris and I, have let out into the deep, and, with God's help and guidance, we pray that we, like Peter, may draw in a great draught, and may show to those about us that Christ really does care.

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MISS MATTHEWS

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 10th-14th, 1965

by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

Director of Immigration,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

(This is the second of the series of four Worship Services, which Miss Frieda E. Matthews conducted, in the Chapel of Ewart College, each morning of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, Toronto, last May. We are sincerely grateful to Miss Matthews for her kindness in permitting us to publish these inspirational Services of Worship in our "Glad Tidings", and so make it possible for all our readers to share, with those who heard them in person, in the help and guidance given in these Devotional Periods, which was so strongly felt during the days of the Council Meetings. Miss Matthews is now the Director of Immigration for the General Board of Missions, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but before her retirement, she was for many years a member of the W.M.S. Staff, latterly as the Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive. She is warmly remembered throughout our whole Society.)

SERVICE NO. II

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 145—verse 18.

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him; to all that call upon Him in truth."

PRAYER — Our Father and our God, we thank Thee for Thy loving care over us during the night, and for the beginning of a new day, with its new hopes and its new opportunities. May we know Thy Presence with us in this time of worship together. Amen.

HYMN — Psalm 58:

"God of mercy, God of Grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us. Saviour shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end."

MEDITATION — "Humility and Love."

Yesterday, in our meditation, we were thinking of the sacrifice of our Lord. Let us, today, in humility and with true gratitude, remember that because such a price has been paid, we, as believers, and followers of Christ, have laid upon us a great responsibility.

In Christ, we see One Who was continually thinking far less of Himself than of the Father—One Who was constantly looking away from Himself to God, for His goodness. "I can of mine own self do nothing. I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father, which hath sent me." (John 5:30)

When we are tempted to be proud of accomplishments, or to take credit, we need to remember the words of the Apostle Paul, as recorded in First Corinthians, 4:7—"For Who makest thee to differ from another? And what hast thou, that thou didst not receive?"

And, as we see in Christ such **Humility,** we see in Him—in His Life and Teaching, what true Christian charity, or love, means. In Luke 10, verses 25-30, we read of the lawyer asking, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And then follows the parable of the good Samaritan. The main point of the parable is to be found in the concluding words—"Which was neighbour unto him that fell among thieves?" The question is not "Who is my neighbour?", but "To whom can I show myself a neighbour."

Wherever Jesus went, He found hearts that were hungry for love. On the jaded face of a Zaccheus, (Luke 19:5); in the glib talk of a Samaritan woman, (John 4:10); in the weary looks of an inarticulate, shepherdless crowd, (Matt. 9:36)—that hunger for love struck at Christ's own heart. No man could be a disciple, who was not prepared to love. The heart of the world was crying for love, as it is today. How often, so very often, we meet those who need a kindly word, the smile, those who are lonely and despondent—who need to know that somebody cares.

"Lord, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do.
Oh grant me strength, I pray,
With lowly love each day,
And purpose true,
To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent.
Myself forgot,
Supplying human needs
By loving words and deeds."

Jesus, through His love, revealed the essential dignity and lovableness of mankind. It is easy to notice a man's shabby coat, his defects in grammar, his peculiar ways—Jesus went deeper, and showed that every soul was a potential son of a King. Of a renegade tax-gatherer, He said, "He also is a son of Abraham." (Luke 19:9). A woman, whom all good people ostracized, He treated with a dignity and courtesy that might have been given to a Queen, (Luke 7:37;) and when He said. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones", (Matt. 18:10) He was thinking, not only of the children, but of all the weak defenceless, and sensitive things of life.

Every day of His life, the disciples saw their Master spending

His strength for the sick, and the sinful, and, when Calvary came, they knew that it was for sheer love of them, and for all mankind, that He had died. Can you continue to be unloving to anyone, even the most unlovable, when you remind yourself—"It was for that person that Jesus died?" How often do we turn from one who needs our love, and the assurance of our faith in them—and fail to see in him, one whom our Father loves, one for whom our Saviour gave His Life?

For He has set the pattern for all His followers forever, through His great love and His forgiveness. "Love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (First John 4: verses 7 and 8.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON — First Corinthians, 13.

PRAYER — O God, Who art our Father in heaven, Who art all powerful, Who art high and lifted up—we come to Thee with grateful hearts, remembering with deep humility, Thy pardoning love, that through the gift of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, all people who believe in Him might be saved. Dwell in the hearts of all who have accepted Thee, that they may see the needs round about them. Guide and direct them, that they may delight to serve Thee, and witness for Thee, wherever they are.

We pray that Thy blessing will be upon all who have committed their ways unto Thee—the Ministers, and the Missionaries, at home and abroad, as they proclaim Thy message of love and compassion, the Christian laymen in office, factory and classroom; the parents, in homes, as they instruct their children; the young man or woman, facing, for the first time, life away from home. Be Thou near unto them.

O, Thou, Who art the great Physician, we would seek Thy blessing upon those who are laid aside on beds of sickness. Especially, we would pray that Thou woulds't be near unto those who we would name in our own thought and minds. Give skill to the surgeons, and to all those who are ministering to their needs. Be with us, dear Lord, as we continue in our sessions this day. In all our discussions and deliberations, may we look up to Thee, seeking Thy Will, and to glorify Thy Name. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 568

"Lord of light, Whose name outshineth
All the stars and suns of space,
Deign to make us Thy co-workers
In the kingdom of Thy grace;
Use us to fulfil Thy purpose
in the gift of Christ, Thy Son:
Father, as in highest heaven
So on earth, Thy will be done."

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DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$50,560.71
Overseas Missions	54,643.01
Organization	19,042.63
Publications	7,176.46
Administration	12,767.70
Insurance and Taxes	1,626.61
Students	....

Christian Literature	895.00
Council Meeting	3,367.94
Grants	10.00
Audio-Visual Education	....
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,110.00
Synodical Grants	1,185.94
General Contingency	202.49
	$152,588.49
Payments from Individual Gifts	1,133.80
	$153,722.29

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REPORT OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — March 5, 1965

by (MRS. J. L.) VIOLA HALPENNY,
Corresponding Secretary
The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

FIVE MONTHS have passed since the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5th, 1965! Let us now look back to that Day, as we try to envisage something of what happened when some 200,000 women and youth gathered to pray for people of every race around the world. Despite the hardship of an unusually severe winter, the attendance, on the whole was encouraging. The Offering amounted to $73,504.49.

The participants appreciated greatly the Service prepared by Mrs. Jesse Jai McNeill. Many remarked on its relevance for our time. The use of "voices", in the congregation won approval, as providing an excellent way for more women to participate in a short, but meaningful, way. Some Committees secured a Speaker, with special knowledge on the Theme. Many reported inviting a Youth Choir, who sang "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands".

Again, reports indicated that early preparation increased both interest and attendance. Some Committees started early; others wished they had. Some new methods were tried, such as—distribution of a card, giving time and place for the Service, to each woman attending Church on the Sunday previous; contacting women personally, by phone or letter; having Poster Contests in the Schools; arranging transportation; a friendly Social Hour. Newfoundland surely deserves special mention. There, women conducted a chain of prayer in the Church at fifteeen-minute intervals, and each woman was contacted personally.

Committees had to struggle with snow-blocked roads, winter rains, illness, and rival attractions, but many showed initiative in overcoming these difficulties. We quote—"Many had to walk a mile in the rain, as we have no cars"; "We had so much snow that one woman had to come in a tractor"; "We had no Speaker, but nine ladies conducted a Skit"; "Our Church has been closed, but the W.M.S. continued—we had a small, but gratifying attendance."

In the West, we have reports of ten and eleven different denominations participating in a Service. The "big news", this year, however, was the number who mentioned the participation of Roman Catholic women. One Service was held in a Parish Hall, with a Priest participating. Some Committees, in Quebec, alternated French and English in their Services. Several commented on the good fellowship of the Social Hour, and asked that Committees be encouraged to include "our Roman Catholic sisters."

What of the months ahead? Will local Committees be arranging opportunities for ecumenical fellowship and activity? Some have plans for mutual support of outstanding events in the Churches, and Community; for Study Groups, especially at Advent and Easter; for joint effort for teen-agers; for continuing Prayer Groups; for mutual support of Teas, Dinners, and Thank-Offering Meetings; for Quilting Parties and Social Service Projects.

We would like to pay tribute to our faithful band of volunteers, who sorted, parcelled, and mailed, 276,358 pieces of material. This service is certainly greatly appreciated. Such comments as—"You have been helpful—we appreciate the materials being sent so promptly"—tell their own story. We close with the good wishes extended by one Committee—"We wish all of you God's richest and choicest blessing!"

SEPTEMBER FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS!

S— is for September, the month you'll begin;
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(L.M.C.)

INTRODUCING . . .
THE MISSION STUDY FOR 1965-66

by (MRS. A. J.) ISABEL GOWLAND

LEADERS OF Teenage Groups are often perplexed as to how they can make Mission Study a vital experience for their group — one in which each girl can feel that she is personally involved, rather than just learning about something "over there". If you have been concerned about this, you will be excited by this year's theme, "Mission: The Christian's Calling", which emphasizes the necessity for the personal involvement of each girl and Leader in Mission, or as the New Testament teaches, the need to share in the ministry of the Church.

This is a change from simply studying about our Church's mission work in other countries, or missionary projects in our own land. It is imperative to know that God's love in Christ embraces all people in every land, but the 1965-66 theme reaches beyond this, as it seeks to show how each girl can be involved as a Missionary right where she is, as well as helping her to be aware of her responsibility to support the work of Organized Mission Work in Canada and Overseas. In all her contacts in everyday life, each girl has a part in fulfilling Christ's mission, which should express itself in a concern for men and women and young people in her home, her school, and her community.

Due to modern communications, the personal activity of North American Christians is as well known to the Indian, African, or Asian, as it is here. They judge Christianity, not only by what our Overseas Missionaries say, but also by our attitudes and actions toward our fellow-men, whether they are of other racial or ethnic groups, teen-age gangs, alcoholics, or others less fortunate than ourselves. It is as important for us to be faithful in our witness and actions as for our Overseas Missionaries, if for no other reason than that if we fail here, we could hinder them in their work, and so prevent people from accepting the benefits and joys of the Gospel.

Last year, the Mission Study helped girls to see that the Church is not just an Organization, but a fellowship of people who have received God's blessing of reconciliation in Jesus Christ, and who are the body of Christ on earth through whom He expresses Himself, and makes His purposes known for mankind. Our attention was focused on the youth of the Inner City and our responsibility for them.

This year's Study goes on to show that, in being called to be Christians — Christ's people — we are called to live our lives in accordance with God's will, and to use the abilities He has given us in ministering to the needs of our fellow-men. This emphasis points up how our choice of occupation should be influenced by our calling, or *vocation* in Christ.

The Senior Study, based on Roy Adelberg's book, "The Way in the World," presents seven different life situations, in which late teens find themselves involved in some kind of decision having a bearing on their life's work, and in which their Christian faith could affect their choice. These are open-ended stories, followed by a series of related questions to stimulate the girls' personal thinking, as well as group discussion. Included in the Packet is a Programme Guide, with suggestions for ways the girls can express their thoughts, not only in discussions and debates, but also by means of their various talents, such as composing folk and other music to catch the meaning of vocation, or interpreting the meaning of Christian vocation through art, writing, or acting.

The Intermediates and mixed Groups have Theodore A. Braun's book, "Called to Be . . .", as the basis for their study, in which twelve to fourteen-year-olds are faced with the call of God to them at this particular time in their lives. Calling or vocation is important to the early teen-ager now, as well as in the future.

The purpose of the Study is to stimulate teen-agers to think of vocation as commitment to Christ; to help them see their responsibility to the total Christian mission; and to think of their future occupational choice in terms of Christian service.

The world of the teen-ager includes parents and families; school with its problems, difficulties and fun; leisure time, responsibilities and relationships about which they have a choice, and some in which they have no choice. By means of news stories, articles, poems, cartoons, and Scripture, this Study helps girls to see that they are called to be the Body of Christ, or the Christ Corps, in all of the various situations in their 'teen-age world'. As Christ came to serve, to be obedient to God, to love people, to change situations which were not in keeping with God's will, and to reconcile people with God and one another, so God calls each girl to be Christ-like and to live within His purpose for her life.

In the 1965-66 Mission Study, the Leader is challenged to capture the imagination of youth, when they are making choices which will affect their whole future. It is exciting to look forward to helping girls gain a fuller understanding of the vital place Christian mission had in their choice of occupation, and to see that a girl can fulfill her Christian *vocation* in many different types of occupations.

Boys and Girls!

TIBETAN HOLIDAY

Dear Children:—

The Tibetan children, whom you helped last year, want to thank all of you for your love and your gifts.

Last Christmas, we were able to go for one week to a house in a village about 9 miles from our school in Jhansi. For weeks the girls were talking about going to Baragaon, and counting the days until holidays would begin. We have a lovely new Volkswagen here in Jhansi, but it was not big enough to take all the 42 Indian and Tibetan girls, plus their bed rolls, so we rented a bus to take them to Baragaon House and bring them back.

Now, our camp was not like camps in Canada! We didn't have cabins or tents, and not even a lake nearby. We all lived together in a big house, in a village called Baragaon. Because there was no furniture, all the girls spread their thin mattresses and bed rolls on the cement floor of the four rooms. Indian girls don't mind hard beds! Face washing was done beside the well, in one corner of the compound. (property)

Each big girl had a turn at cooking over the little outdoor fireplace, made of bricks. One of each morning's duties was collecting sticks and dead tree branches. The little girls did this. One of the greatest joys of vacation was to cook special dishes. Instead of the usual wheat porridge, other grains were cooked some days, or sweet "gulgulas" were fried and enjoyed with red "rosella" jelly, that Miss Magee made. Tea is a rare treat for the school girls, but they drank it every day at camp! Christmas dinner was, of course, the most special of all. On top of a plateful of rice steamed, spiced meat, potatoes and vegetables were put. There were oranges and bananas, peanuts and Indian sweets, for dessert. The Tibetan girls were thrilled to be able to make their special biscuits. They mix finely ground wheat flour with water and a little salt, rolled out, and the dough cut into strips, diamonds and circles. Some they twist, or braid together, before frying them in mustard oil.

The day's programme —

On school days, the girls wake up to bells, so we let them sleep-in a little if they wanted to, and were not on breakfast duty. However, more often than not, the girls were up early getting their beds made and rooms swept, even before breakfast was ready. Tibetan girls love to play, but they also love to work. If you had come by at about 9 a.m. you would have heard the girls singing in the little Chapel by the house where we lived. This was the daily time of worshiping together.

As soon as daily work teams had been announced, the girls would run out to finish their chores quickly, so they could play. The morning duties were to collect fire wood; filling the water storage jars; sweeping the ground outside, as well as the rooms inside. Then there was time for play. There was always a rush to the games equipment, for the girls loved to play volley ball, deck tennis, badminton and catch. It was hard to gather them in at noon to have lunch!

We didn't have a Dining Hall, but we had a long screened verandah on the back of the house. Narrow mats were put down along the two sides, and the girls sat cross-legged on these to eat. After grace was sung, either in Hindi or English, the girls lined up with their own plates to be served from big pots. Because of gifts, they were able to come back for second, and even third, helpings till they had had enough. There was no need for a dishwasher, as everyone washed her own plate and cup (most of the girls don't use spoons, but eat with their fingers in the Indian custom) and placed them on their own shelf by their bed.

After lunch rest was not compulsory as it is during school times, but the leaders were thankful for a little quiet. For this quiet afternoon hour the girls could choose to sew, or read some of the books brought out from the school library. With scraps left over from their new dresses, the Tibetans spent hours sewing clothes for their little dolls. One of the Christmas gifts your money bought them was sewing equipment for each girl. So, you see, we had our craft periods just as you do at camp.

You may have the joy of boating and swimming, but our camp was not near a lake or river, so we couldn't swim every day. However, the day before Christmas, we all caught the bus that passes the front gate, and rode to a river about 10 miles farther on. For half a day, the girls played in the water and on the rocks beside the water. Those who could swim were allowed to go into the deep pools, but the little ones slid down the wet rocks and splashed in the shallow water. Part of the fun of going out is to be able to bathe, wash hair and clothes, in a large amount of water instead of just a small bucketful.

This year, one day a girl came running into the house, breathless, shouting "Elephants!" Everyone was out like a flash to the front gate. We saw four large elephants lumbering down the road. These were the first the Tibetan girls had ever seen.

Before Christmas, each girl received an extra amount of pocket money, in preparation for the trip to the "bazaar" for shopping. Because there are 20 girls they had to go in small groups with an older person. What big eyes looked at the shops full of colourful and attractive things, and what a difficult time to decide what to buy! What do you think most of them bought for themselves? Bright earrings for their pierced ears; new combs to replace the ones lost by careless girls; fruit, and plastic dolls!

The day before Christmas, committees were formed to decorate the big central room, which was to be our banquet hall. Crepe paper streamers were draped around over the doors and fireplace. Strings of triangular flags were hung across the room. Green leafy branches were tacked on the walls, each bunch tied with a red bow. Old Christmas cards decorated the little tree and the mantle. Our "tree" was a Tamarind branch, not an evergreen tree like you use. Tin can lids were cut to make stars for the tree.

At the end of the week it was hard to climb aboard the bus again. Tashi, one of the little Tibetans, said, "I want to take Baragaon with me. I will put it in my pocket!"

Yours sincerely
Diana Wadsworth

(*This letter, from Miss Diana Wadsworth, was sent to the boys and girls who attended Junior Camps in 1964. The offerings at the Camps were given to provide "A Vacation for Tibetan Children". At present Miss Wadsworth, who is a teacher at the Helen MacDonald School in India, is home on furlough.*)

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Thank-Offering Luncheon of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* Miss Dorothy Brown, Missionary on furlough from *Ecuador,* was Guest Speaker, and illustrated her Address with interesting slides. Miss Brown conducts a Medical Clinic in the jungle section of *Ecuador*. At the regular Meeting of this W.M.S. Group, the Guest Speaker was Mrs. Delina Burke, who told of conditions and experiences in the *Belgian Congo*.

The C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups of Grace Presbyterian

Church, *Calgary,* put on their "Annual Evening of Plays," under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Roethke, Miss Jane McFarlane, and Miss Mary Anne Van Brummelen. Awards were presented by Dr. Murdo Nicolson, and the Adjudicators were Mrs. Ian Douglas, Mrs. Harry Rimmer, and Mrs. Murdo Nicolson.

At the regular Meeting of the Isabel Taylor W.M.S. Evening Group, of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* all W.M.S. Groups in the City were invited to hear Mrs. Chester Burke tell of her imprisonment and escape in the *Congo,* when rebels took over the country. She pointed out that everyone has a great responsibility in living, and how God uses our lives in His service, if we but trust in His great goodness. Following the Meeting, a Social Hour was held.

Miss Tamiko Nakamura, was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* and showed slides of her work in the Korean Christian Church of *Japan.* The Memorial Service for Margaret Adaline Dalgleish was conducted by Miss Martine J. Van Beek, Deaconess on furlough. The late Mrs. Dalgleish, Mother of Mrs. M. A. C. McCallum, who is Secretary for Afternoon Groups in *Calgary* Presbyterial, was a Life Member of the W.M.S. for thirty-seven years.

In June, the Women's Week-End Camp was held at *Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake,* with Camp Directors Mrs. K. C. Doka, and Miss Jean McLagan. Miss Merle McGowan, on furlough from our Mission Field in *British Guina* was Guest Speaker for this happy gathering of women from all over the Province.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring Rally of this Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church in *Lousana,* with President, Mrs. Edward Day, Jr., presiding. Morning Devotions were given by Mrs. Jim Shields of *Penhold,* and Student Deaconess, Miss Nancy Edwards conducted the Afternoon Devotional. Mr. Donald MacKay, Student Minister at *Lousana* was introduced. Dinner and Afternoon Tea were served by the ladies of *Lousana* Church. The Rev. and Mrs. K. Knight of *Eckville,* and the Rev. Gordon Cunningham of *Rock Mountain House* were members of the Centenary Tour to *Formosa,* and Treasurer, Mrs. Ken Knight, announced that a gift of $472,00, collected through the Presbyterial, was entrusted to her for presentation to the Presbyterian Church in *Formosa* on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of their Church.

The Annual Council Meeting, in *Toronto,* was reported by President, Mrs. Day, and the Synodical Meetings, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* were reported by delegate, Mrs. C. J. Puzey. Mrs. Gloria Duffin, of *Lousana,* Mrs. Lorne Reay, of *Willowdale,* and Mrs. Arthur Bower, of *Valley Centre,* were appointed to attend the Presbyterian W.M.S. Training School, in *Calgary,* in July. Miss Emily Drysdale told of the Adult and Children's Camps planned for *Camp Kannawin* on *Sylvan Lake* and also introduced the topic for discussion — "Evangelism — Person to Person." Group Discussion was followed by the Filmstrip—"Go That We May Know."

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. Findlay, *Swift Current,* Presbyterial Girls' Organization Secretary, was Guest Speaker at the C.G.I.T. Mother and Daughter Banquet, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw.* Introduced by Lindsay Atkinson, Mrs. Findlay outlined the C.G.I.T. Movement since its foundation fifty years ago. The tables were decorated in the C.G.I.T. colours—blue and white—and gold, for the 50th Anniversary. Grace was said by Miss Dianne Gillies; the Toast to the Queen was proposed by Garda VanDorland; Brenda Chase welcomed the Mothers and proposed the Toast to them, to which Mrs. E. Atkinson replied. Miss Joanne Montgomery thanked the ladies of The Good Cheer Group, who provided the Banquet. Special Guests included Mrs. J. Gillan, Mrs. T. Gillies, and Mrs. K. Melton.

The Annual Meeting of Moose Jaw Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Weyburn, with delegates attending from *Moose Jaw*; *Briercrest; Swift Current; Assiniboia,* and *Weyburn.* The Theme was "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Mrs. C. W. Logan presided, and Special Guests were Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, and Miss B. L. McLean, Presbytery Deaconess. An excellent Report of the Annual Council Meeting, in *Toronto,* was given by Mrs. C. Logan; Mrs. D. Findlay reported the Synodical Meeting; Mrs. D. Cunningham, Literature Secretary, had a splendid Book Display and gave an interesting and enjoyable Book Review. A Sing-Song of favourite Hymns and Choruses was a pleasant interlude. The Rev. R. D. Mulchey brought Presbyterial Greetings, and the Bible Study was led by Mrs. R. E. Ruddell, based on "The Parable of the Talents." The Offertory Prayer was given by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Briercrest.* With Mrs. R. D. Ruddell as Leader, a Panel Discussion was held on "As We Work Together Through The Year," and this was followed by a Question Period—"How Can We Interest More Women in Our Society?" A Social Hour over the teacups was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

The Burning Bush W.M.S.

Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church on a Sunday evening, when Miss Agnes Hislop, on furlough from her Mission Field in India, was Guest Speaker, and showed interesting slides of her work among the Bhils. Refreshments were served at the close of the Service, and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed, as well as the opportunity of meeting and talking with Miss Hislop.

In Knox Presbyterian Church, *Briercrest,* Mrs. C. R. Shaw presided at the Evening Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, when Miss Agnes Hislop, home on furlough from her work among the Bhil people of *India,* was the Guest Speaker. Miss Hislop, who has spent the past fourteen years in *India,* gave a challenging illustrated Address on the life and work of the people in the land she calls "home." The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. A. M. Boam, and Mrs. M. P. Tysdal and Mrs. E. A. Tysdal sang a Duet, accompanied by Miss Isobel Findlay. At the close of the Meeting, refreshments were served.

The Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was well attended by members and friends, and was conducted by the members, led by Miss Lorie Hoffos. Mrs. Clayton Logan, Presbyterial President, presented the World Friendship Badges, and the Membership Cards, on behalf of the W.M.S. Others taking part in the Service were Group Leader, Miss Linda Hoffos, and Mrs. Peter Ruddell. Mrs. McColl, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, provided the musical accompaniments. The Special Offering, to which the girls contributed, will be used for Miss Watson and the work of the Nursery School at Tyndale House, *Montreal.*

The same C.G.I.T. Group celebrated the C.G.I.T. Fiftieth Anniversary with a Mothers and Daughters Banquet, when Mrs. E. L. Greenwood, of *Moose Jaw* spoke on "C.G.I.T. — Past and Present," and greetings were brought by Mrs. Dean Findlay, Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Work. The Rev. P. D. Ruddell, led the Worship Service, based on the C.G.I.T. Purpose.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — *The* Explorer's Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* held a Spring Award Tea, to which Mothers, friends, and W.M.S. members, were invited. Tea Assistants were Margaret Bremner, Marcia Porteous, Sheila Walton, and Cathy Carey. Leader, Mrs. M. Sasveld, introduced the group members, and told of the year's work.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—Seventy-six delegates, from nine Charges, attended the W.M.S. Rally, held at *Wellwood,* when Miss Iris Ford, Inner City Worker in *Winnipeg,* was Guest Speaker. Mrs. George Bain presided at all Sessions, and the Committee in charge were Mrs. F. McKay, Mrs. D. S. Paterson, Mrs. M. Young, and Mrs. A. Kellie. Mrs. W. H. Vopni was Soloist, accompanied by Organist, Mrs. C. J. McKinnon.

Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. L. Jackson and Mrs. E. Hall, of *Virden,* and Workshops for Officers were led by Mrs. George Bain, Mrs. A. Kellie, and Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary. The Annual Council Meetings, held at Ewart College, *Toronto,* in May, were well reported by Mrs. W. B. Lawrence, of *Brandon,* following which, Mrs. M. McGregor and Mrs. W. A. Fraser, of *Neepawa,* sang a duet. A Panel moderated by Miss M. Funston, and composed of Mrs. J. A. Andrews, Mrs. C. J. McKinnon, and the Rev. M. McCuaig, held an interesting discussion of the recent book "Black Like Me," which has proved a best seller. Mrs. Eva Morton of *Elphinstone* closed the Afternoon Session with prayer, and supper was served by the *Wellwood* Group. The Rev. M. McCuaig closed the Evening Session with the Benediction.

The Explorers and C.O.C. Groups of St. Andrews Crescent Heights Presbyterian Church, *Portage La Prairie,* sponsored a successful Silver Tea and Social Hour, led by Mrs. J. Solomon. Miss Bernice Smith welcomed the guests, and assisted in selling Articles at the various tables. With their Leader, Mrs. P. Andrews, the Explorers served Tea, and helped at their Sales Table of cards and homemade articles. Proceeds were for purchasing needed items for the Church.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage La Prairie,* held their Annual Expense Tea, in the form of a "Dessert Party," from 7 to 9 P.M., in St. Andrew's Hall. President, Mrs. W. H. Vopni, with Deaconess, Miss Annabelle Wallace, received the guests. Blue Iris, yellow Shasta Mums, and yellow tapers centred the tea-table, at which presided the Rev. H. Crump, Mr. L. Young, Mr. D. Johnston, and Mr. G. Ferguson. Under the direction of Leader, Miss Lauree Cumming, C.G.I.T. members served the guests. Other Conveners were Mrs. W. Vollett, Miss Dorothy Davies, Mrs. P. Andrews, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. G. Fairbairn, Mrs. G. Ferguson. Mrs. H. Crump, Mrs. W. Oliver, and Mrs. G. Crolley were in charge of the Treasury. Slides of her recent trip to Europe were shown by Miss Georgina Hill, at the close of the Tea.

The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* at their Mother and Daughter Banquet, honoured graduate, Miss Carol Ross, with a corsage. Leader, Mrs. O. S. Stapleton, conducting the Graduation Ceremony, presented Miss Ross with a Graduation Pin and Certificate and Miss Jean McKay welcomed her into the congregation. Special Guests were the Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Paterson, Miss Dorothy Keller, Miss Shirley Cayley; Mr. Peter Pow, graduating Explorers and Leaders, and Mrs. R. S. Bass, with W.M.S. members. "The Highlights of C.G.I.T.'s Fifty Years" was presented by Misses Heather Knudson, Cathy McFarlane, Shirley Thompson, and Darlene Cullen.

Explorer Graduates, Misses Karen Groff, Kandace Johnston, and Bonnie Mansoff, were received, following the Banquet, by C.G.I.T. Leader, Mrs. Ronald Anderson. Miss Donna Forbes, C.G.I.T. Leader, conducted this Service with Mrs. Edith Leeson at the organ. The C.O.C. Graduates—Debbie MacDonald, Lorie McBeth, and Jean Moar—were welcomed into the Explorers and Awards were given by Lori McBeth for highest attendance at C.O.C. and at Sunday School to Joyce Moar, Lori Wagg, Lori McBeth, Debbie MacDonald, and Susan McKenzie. The Explorers receiving Awards were Patty Young, Cathy Wagg, Roberta Cullen, Donna Robins, Adene Nordquist, Kandace Johnston, Bonnie Monsoff, and Karen Groff.

Group President, Miss Marilyn Mitchell, was Chairman of the Banquet, and Miss Eleanor Goodwill, Secretary, reported the year's work. Mrs. T. L. Black and Miss Jean MacKay, Board Members, were presented with 50th Anniversary Pins, by Miss Linda Knudson, in appreciation of their work with the C.G.I.T.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—In First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* a C.G.I.T. Graduation Service was held recently, when Miss Barbara Irvine and Miss Bette Walton received Graduation Certificates. Superintendent Mrs. A. W. Cuthbertson, conducted the impressive Service, assisted by Leaders Miss Marilyn Spidell and Miss Jo-Ann Carlisle, both graduates of this Group. The C.G.I.T. members, wearing the white middies and blue skirts of the C.G.I.T. uniform, filled the Choir Loft, and sang among other selections, the C.G.I.T. Hymn.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover,* celebrated the 50th Anniversary of C.G.I.T. with a Mother and Daughter Banquet, held in the Church Hall. The C.G.I.T. President, Miss Eleanor Rayworth, a graduate this year, welcomed guests and introduced those at Head Table —Mrs. E. Forster, C.G.I.T. Superintendent; Mrs. F. Scott, Explorer Leader; Mrs. C. Nutt, W.M.S. President; Mrs. O. Hayworth, Mother of the graduate; Mrs. F. Miller, Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Work; Miss R. Paterson, Deaconess, and Director of Christian Education; and Misses Lynda Allen, Mary Jo Hatt, Janet Hockins, and Anne Penford, Explorer graduates and their Mothers. Mrs. F. Miller conducted the Re-Affiliation Service, and the Graduation Ceremony was led by Mrs. E. Forster, Mrs. D. Rennie, and Mrs. P. Mills, Leaders of C.G.I.T. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. H. Geddes, of *Hanover,* told of her visit to *Indonesia* and of the work of the Evangelized China Fellowship there. Taps, and silent prayer, brought the Meeting to a close.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dutton,* and especially the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, has lost a beloved and valued member in the recent death of Mrs. Grace MacLean, wife of the late Rev. Dr. J. A. MacLean. Mrs. MacLean devoted a great part of her life to Mission Work. In her younger years, she served as a Graduate Deaconess, and in all the Churches, where her husband was Pastor through the years, Mrs. MacLean was an active worker and a Leader in the Mission work of the Church, both at home and Overseas. For many of her later years, she was President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dutton,* and an Honorary member of Hamilton and London Synodical. Mrs. MacLean was also a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Molesworth.* Her theme for the Afternoon Session was "Service", and at the Evening Session the theme was "Love!", when she told of the *Winnipeg* and *Prince Albert* Fellowship Houses; of the new Thunder Bird Hostel, in *Kenora*; and the work Miss Duffield is doing among the Indians at *White Fish Bay.* In the Afternoon she spoke of the work done in the different Fields— the Women's Rally in *British Guiana*; the five new Missionaries going to *Formosa, Nigeria and India*; and the Inner City Mission Work done in *Toronto.* Mrs. Wm. Smith, of *Molesworth,* and Mrs. Colin MacIntosh, welcomed the delegates. The presentation of an Honorary Membership Certificate to Mrs. Frank Maulden, of *Kinlough,* was a highlight of the Meeting. Mrs. Herrig, Superintendent of *Armagh,* spoke briefly, and invited Groups to visit the Home. The Rev. S. J. Stewart, of *Molesworth,* conducted the "In Memoriam" Service, and a moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Leslie Fortune, of *Wingham.*

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *St. David's,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary, the Rev. M. E. Tubb, Minister of the Church, conducted the Devotional Service, and greetings were extended by President, Mrs. Hudson Woodruff. The Rev. Thomas Mulholland, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pelham Road, *St. Catharines,* was Guest Speaker, and gave an inspiring Address on his seventeen years spent as a Missionary in *China.* Mrs. Wm. Irvine gave the Auxiliary History, and Mrs. Arnold Doyle, of *St. David's* was Soloist. Mrs. R. G. Stewart, of *Paris,* a former President, cut the Birthday Cake.

Guests from *Dunnville, Crowland, Welland* and the local Churches, joined with members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne,* for their Easter Thank-Offering Meeting, when Mrs. J. Reynold Esler presided, and welcomed the guests. Members of the Rosalind Goforth Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the C.G.I.T. Group, took part in the Service. The Rev. J. Reynold Esler introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dillwyn T. Evans, who in his Address "What is Our Personal Investment in the Mission of Christ's Church?" challenged his hearers, as he spoke of the wider work of the Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The C.G.I.T. members assisted during the Social Hour.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia.* President, Mrs. Allan Neal, presided, and the Theme was "The Challenge of The Present". The Guest Speaker, Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, Toronto, was introduced by Mrs. Ralph Runalls, Knox Presbyterian Church, *Warwick,* and spoke on "A Call to the Total Mission of Our Church". The Speaker was thanked by Miss Bessie Galbraith. Corsages were presented to Mrs. Curr and to Mrs. R. S. Burnham, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, by Mrs. Charles Falconer and Mrs. George Dewar. The C.G.I.T. Group, led by Mrs. Walter Irvine, sang two numbers, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Charles Forrest. Mrs. C. Crosbie was appointed delegate to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre in Belleville. Tea was served, including a cake, beautifully decorated by Mrs. Frank McBean, of *Mooretown.*

At the regular May Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia.* Mrs. R. S. Burnham, newly elected President of Hamilton and London Synodical, was especially honoured, when Mrs. Duncan Ferguson, a friend of long standing, presented a gift to her from the Home Helpers and members of this

Auxiliary. This W.M.S. Auxiliary, with its Home Helpers, held a successful Spring Tea in the Youth Centre, when the individual tables, decorated with Sweet Peas, Mums, and pink candles, made a beautiful setting for this event. At the Easter Thank-Offering of this Auxiliary, Mrs. St. Clair Campbell, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* was Guest Speaker, and spoke on the subject, "Preparing Ourselves for Easter!

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbyterian Women of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Waterloo,* held an "International Thank-Offering Meeting", at the end of May, when the Theme was "To Serve The Present Age" — the Theme of the W.M.S. Annual Council Meeting, held earlier in May, in Ewart College, *Toronto.* In this first year of their fellowship together, this Group studied "Missions in *India,*" and their Bible Study was "The Epistle of Paul to the Romans." At the "International Thank-Offering Meeting", Mr. Nwaliperijo spoke on education, religion, and culture, in *Africa,* his native land. Mrs. Theodore Kay, of *Formosa,* gave a group of piano selections, one of which was "A Formosan Prayer".

In February, this Group of Presbyterian Women celebrated their "First Anniversary" with a Dessert and Coffee Party, when Mrs. Wm. Shantz presented a Musical Programme, which included Negro Spirituals, and the Twenty-Third Psalm, sung to the Old Covenanters tune. The first President, Mrs. J. O. Beynon, and Mrs. N. Campbell, Recording Secretary of Guelph Presbyterial, and active Presbyterial member for the past five years, were presented with Life Membership Certificates in the W.M.S.

When the four Women's Groups of this Church became one Association, they then divided into smaller Study Groups of about ten members each, and these met regularly each month, with the whole Association meeting together quarterly. Their aim was to bring together in fellowship, study, service, and worship, all the women of the Church, so that they all could share in the total work of the Church, in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL— Mrs. H. S. Evans and her Group were in charge of the May Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and this took the form of a Dessert Luncheon. President Mrs. R. P. McLean, and Group Leader, Mrs. H. S. Evans welcomed guests at the door. Dessert was served to the many guests at small flower-centered tables for four, by Group members, and Mrs. J. B. Lawson wife of the Assistant to the Minister of this Church, presided at the tea urn. Following Luncheon, the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. H. S. Evans, Mrs. Julia MacDonald, and Miss Ritchie. President, Mrs. R. P. McLean gave an excellent Report of the Annual Council Meetings held earlier in the month in Ewart College, *Toronto.* The Theme of the Meeting was "Friendship". The highlight of the afternoon was the delightful Skit of the "Early Church Days in a Scots Community on Lake Erie," written by Past President Mrs. O. J. Davies, and presented by Mrs. J.B. Lawson and Mrs. Betty Hillis, wearing the quaint and picturesque costumes of the times of Col. Talbot and the early settlers of his pioneer Colony. Miss Mary Wardlaw presented the appreciation of the Auxiliary and its guests.

On the last Monday of May, the Annual Family Night of the Sloan Auxiliary and the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was held in the Church Parlour, with the C.G.I.T. Group, and their Leader, Mrs. Egerton, participating in the Programme. President Mrs. R. P. McLean of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Miss Marjorie Hamilton, President of the Sloan W.M.S. Auxiliary, received the guests, and conducted the Meeting, with President, Mrs. R. P. McLean giving the Call to Worship, and the Devotional Period given by Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Pickett, and Miss McIntyre. A Trio of C.G.I.T. members sang two selections accompanied by one of the Senior girls, and the collection was taken by the C.G.I.T. group and dedicated by their Leader, Mrs. Edgerton. Mrs. T. P. Geggie, on behalf of the Janet Geggie and Sloan Auxiliaries, thanked the girls and their Leader for their splendid contribution to "Family Night".

Immediate Past President, Mrs. O. J. Davies, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Vivien DeCastro, of *British Guiana,* who, during her years in *British Guiana* was an active worker in the W.M.S. work of the Presbyterian Church in *British Guiana,* and for some years President of *Berbice* Presbyterial. Now living in *Toronto,* Mrs. DeCastro is a member of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, and of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church. Wearing her beautiful Sari and the typical golden jewellery of *British Guiana,* Mrs. DeCastro gave a comprehensive picture of that picturesque, but now greatly troubled, country; of the six original races there; of the political unrest now between the African and the East Indian people; of the customs, resources, and foods in this land; of the Presbyterian Church, and its growth throughout the years in *British Guiana.* Excellent slides of the country and its people were shown, and, in closing, Mrs. DeCastro expressed her thanks to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, "for all it has done for our people there", and asked that Canadian fellow Presbyterians would "please pray for our people in *British Guiana* as never before." Mrs. Charles G. Boyd presented the thanks of the large audience, and the Rev. Charles G. Boyd pronounced the Benediction. Refreshments and a Social Hour followed the close of the Meeting.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual May Rally of this Presbyterial, was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Westport,* with the Theme, "Stewardship". President, Mrs. J. O. Forrester, presided at both Sessions. Morning Devotions were given by members of *Iroquois* W.M.S. Auxiliary; Afternoon Devotions were conducted by members of the *Westport* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Delegates were welcomed by Student Minister, Mr. R. Hill, and Presbytery Greetings were presented by the Rev. L. Renault. Departmental Reports were received, and the Synodical Meetings in *Brockville* were reported by Mrs. Hunter, of *Morewood*; Mrs. Bass, of *Kemptville;* and Mrs. J. Imrie, of *Brockville.* In her Report for C.G.I.T., Mrs. C. Brown of the *Seaway Valley* Committee, encouraged all teen-agers to organize C.G.I.T. Groups. Since this is the 50th Anniversary of C.G.I.T. work, the Presbyterial voted a gift of Fifty Dollars to help the girls for a week at *Gracefield Camp.* Mrs. Smith, of *Prescott,* closed the Morning Session with prayer.

Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of *Avonmore,* was Guest Speaker at the Afternoon Session, and gave an inspiring Address on "What Does The Lord Require of Thee?" She pointed out that God expects each one of us to use our God-given talents of time, money, courage, and strength, for His service. Mrs. Donald Dobie and Mrs. Devere were appointed to attend the W.M.S. Training School in *Belleville;* the *Chesterville* W.M.S. Auxiliary reported on Registration and Courtesies. To the surprise and regret of all present, the President Mrs. J. O. Forrester, presented her resignation from office, as she is moving to another Presbytery in July.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* at their Thank-Offering Meeting had, as Guest Speaker, Mrs. Hector McMillan, whose husband was slain in the *Congo.* Using as her text, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him", Mrs. McMillan told something of the events leading to the taking of her husband's life, and spoke of other Missionaries in that troubled land who had suffered death by beating, being speared, or shot. President, Mrs. Allan Farlinger, presided and introduced the

Speaker. Soloists were Miss Barbara Thom, and Mr. Gordon Thom.

GLENGARY PRESBYTERIAL — At the 51st May Rally of this Presbyterial, 142 members met in St. Columbo Presbyterian Church, *Kirk Hill,* with President, Mrs. J. McCleverty in the Chair. The W.M.S. Auxiliary, of *Moose Creek,* conducted the Opening Devotions; Reports of the Synodical and Annual Council Meetings were given by Mrs. C. MacGregor and Mrs. E. Blair. An invitation was received to attend the 80th Anniversary of Glen Gordon W.M.S. Auxiliary in Lancaster Presbyterian Church, and letters of appreciation for W.M.S. Bursaries received, were read from Jen Jenson, Lloyd and Robert Fourney. It was decided to print 100 copies of the History of Glengarry Presbyterial.

Council Greetings were presented by Mrs. W. Boyd, of *Cornwall,* and Presbytery Greetings were received from the Rev. J. A. McGowan. Mrs. E. L. MacNaughton of *Lancaster,* conducted the Memorial Service. Miss Agnes Hislop, of the *Bhil Field, India,* the Guest Speaker, in her Address, based on John 3—verse 16, asked that members seek to be mature in Christ; to widen their vision in the Church; to pray for the Missionaries by name; and to be Christian wives and mothers in their homes. Mrs. I. McIver thanked the Speaker, and the Meeting closed with a hymn and a prayer. An invitation was received to hold the 1966 May Rally in *Lancaster.*

The Glen Gordon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lancaster,* celebrated their 80th Anniversary in this historic old stone Church, where friends, both old and new, from all over Glengarry Presbyterial joined them for this important celebration. Mrs. J. A. Sangster presided, with Mr. Frank Aldridge at the organ. Following the Call To Worship, the favourite hymn of Mrs. D. Mason MacLennan, "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung, and following the Words of Welcome, "Sweet Hour of Prayer", the hymn used at the Organization Meeting so long ago, was sung. Greetings and good wishes were read by Miss Mary Jane MacLennan from the Rev. Fowler; Rev. Kerr; Rev. Self; Rev. S. Sharkey; Rev. Dr. Agnew Johnstone; Mrs. J. L. MacMillan; and Mrs. Robbie MacRae.

The Auxiliary History, prepared by Mrs. E. L. MacNaughton, was read by Mrs. R. A. Smith. Mrs. John Fortier was Soloist, and Mrs. G. McCallum conducted the Service of Remembrance. Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of *Avonmore,* was Guest Speaker. Synodical Greetings were given by President, Mrs. W. M. Boyd, of Cornwall; greetings from Glengarry Presbyterial, by President, Mrs. J. McCleverty, of *Ingleside*; from Presbytery, by Dr. W. L. MacLellan, who also pronounced the Benediction. Luncheon was served, with an Anniversary Birthday Cake.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — The Guest Speaker at the Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet of the C.G.I.T. Group of Livingstone Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* was Mrs. R. Williamson, a Deaconess from the *Peace River Area,* who told of the C.G.I.T. Group in *Dixonville.* Synodical greetings were brought by Mrs. Bernice Hincke, a former Leader of this Group, who, in her memories of the yesteryears in C.G.I.T., took many of the Mothers present back to their own days as "girls in middies". A Sing-Song, led by three Seniors, followed the Banquet. One explorer, Heather Orr, was graduated, and the Closing Service took the form of a tribute to this year's C.G.I.T. graduates — Nancy Tatto and Arleen Thompson — both of whom received a gift Bible. Worship Service was led by Leader, Miss Carol Pilgrim. Members of the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary and the Young Womens W.M.S. Auxiliary were appreciative guests. The evening closed with "Taps."

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Rally of Quebec Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Quebec,* had an attendance of 48, and the President, Mrs. Philip Boy, warmly welcomed the newly-organized Quebec Affiliated Group. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. McCombie, of *Sherbrooke.*

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Springate, President of *Quebec* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Rev. Bragg extended greetings from *Quebec* Presbytery. First Vice-President, Mrs. H. K. Mayhew, responded to the words of welcome. Reports from the Corresponding Secretary, the Auxiliaries, and the Departmental Secretaries were read by Mrs. A. W. Murray. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. K. MacIver, reminded members of the W.M.S. Training School to be held in *Belleville* in July, and Treasurer, Miss Chris Morrison, presented an encouraging Financial Statement. Reports of Synodical Meetings were given by the four delegates — Mrs. Mouland, of *Milan*; Mrs. G. MacDonald, of *Milan*; Mrs. W. A. Murray, of *Scotstown*; and Mrs. R. LaRochelle, of *Richmond.* Special mention was made of the leadership given by Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, from *Toronto.*

Miss Alene Morrison, of *Sherbrooke,* conducted the Memorial Service, and Mrs. Andrews, of *Quebec,* was Soloist. The Address given by Synodical President, Mrs. W. M. Boyd, of *Cornwall,* on the Annual Council Meetings, held in Toronto in May, was one of the highlights of the day. The Resolutions and Courtesies were given by Mrs. J. MacDonald, of *Milan,* and, following this, an invitation to hold the 1966 Rally in *Melbourne* was extended, by Mrs. Converse. Mrs. Fortier closed the Meeting with prayer, after which delicious refreshments were served in the Kirk Hall by the ladies of the *Quebec* W.M.S. Auxiliary.

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AGAIN!

Again with peace and plenty October crowns our land!
With richness and with beauty from the Heavenly Father's hand,
The earth rests from her yielding; the trees with colour blaze;
The wonders of the Autumn fill all thankful hearts with praise!
(L.M.C.)

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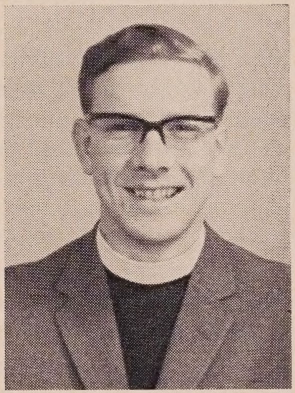

Rev. J. B. Lawson, M.A.

(In 1963, the Rev. Mr. Lawson came to Canada from the well-known St. Columba Church of Scotland, in London, England, to become, for a two-year period, the Assistant to the Minister of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, with a special responsibility for the Youth Work of that congregation. During those two years, Mr. Lawson, his wife and small daughter Rosalind, and the little "Canadian" son who arrived last Christmas-tide, became very dear to the members of that church, and a vital part of the congregational work, from which they are greatly missed now that he has returned, according to his agreement, to take up his responsibilities once more in London, England, as the Assistant Minister of St. Columba Church, where the first years of his ministry were spent. We do appreciate Mr. Lawson's kindness, in the busy days before his departure, taking time to write for our October "Glad Tidings" this very worth-while Thanksgiving Message.)

LONG, LONG AGO, we read in the Book of Genesis of a promise that God made to man. It is a divine promise that has never been broken. "While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." In the midst of our busy lives, our many cares, interests and pursuits, we so often forget that at the back of everything there is the serene constancy of God. So caught up are we with the trivia of life that we forget about God; our selfish concerns push Him into the background of our lives.

Charles Dickens, the Novelist, was also a great champion of the underdog, and he did much to make life easier for those who lived in public institutions. He not only stirred public sympathy for them by such novels as Oliver Twist, he was always ready to give generous and practical help.

Late one night, he and a friend were passing a workhouse door when they saw a group of men being turned away by the workhouse master. There was no more room inside. It was a raw wintry night, and Dickens could not bear to think of men sleeping out in such weather. He walked straight up to them and emptied his purse to give each of them enough to buy himself food, and a night's lodging. The men snatched the money and were off in no time, with not a word of thanks.

It was obvious that Dickens was deeply upset, and, for a while, as they walked on, his friend judged it wise to say nothing. Then he burst out, "They might at least have said thank you!"

"Oh, I didn't want thanks," said Dickens; "what really hurts me most is to see how hard life must have been for them, when they've even lost the power to say thank you!"

I think this is what is happening to so many people today, including ourselves. We are losing the capacity of saying thank you. Our very affluence and well-being obscures our sense of dependence on our Creator. The Churches are emptier today because men and women have lost the sense of God in their lives.

The season of Thanksgiving is a time when we are, once again, given the opportunity of getting our perspectives and our priorities right. It is the time when we are given the chance to bring God back, from the fringe of our thinking, to His rightful place at the centre of our being. God is not someone "up there," whose aid we enlist when things get out of hand "down here." God is concerned with men and women in the totality of their lives; in their prosperity as well as their adversity.

It is not easy for us to realize that we are dependent on Him for everything we have and are—the air we breathe, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the gift of life itself. Our modern way of living does everything to obscure the fact of our dependence. To this Space Age

World of tremendous scientific achievement; to this complex generation of computers and transistors; to our day-to-day world of supermarkets, and instant this and that; God has become remote. With all our increase in knowledge, we have lost our sense of wonder. We have become used to it all, and so our young people engage in the endless search for "kicks," to still the gnawing sense of meaninglessness and purposelessness in their existence.

Why is it that the Church is failing to supply their need—failing to fill the void in the lives of so many? One reason is because we ourselves have become jaded Christians. We have lost our sense of the wonder of having a life to live. We fail to thrill at the knowledge that we are sons and daughters of God, called to show forth in our lives the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, self-control, gentleness, goodness, faith.

It is good that we should engage together in a joint act of thanksgiving. It is right that when the leaves turn to gold and yellow, brown and amber, and the fruits of the earth are safely gathered in, we should turn our thoughts to the One who has given us all things richly to enjoy. Let us make this time of Thanksgiving, not just an occasion of ritualistic symbolic decoration but of renewed realization of the faithfulness of God, of our utter dependence upon Him, of the wonder of the Universe which he has created.

We live in a sacramental Universe, where every created thing can speak to us of God. Few words express this feeling better than those of that sensitive Irish poet, Joseph Mary Plunkett:—

"I see His blood upon the rose,
And in the stars the glory of His eyes,
His body gleams amid the eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see His face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but His voice—and, carven by His power,
Rocks are His written words.

All pathways by His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined in every thorn,
His Cross is every tree!"

All that we have been given, has been given us in trust. The only act of thanksgiving, that is worth anything at all, is that which acknowledges our gratitude, and at the same time seeks out how it may share with others the benefits we enjoy.

We, in this Nation, are a peculiarly fortunate people, where the good things of life are concerned. We are a privileged people with respect to our high standard of living. But privilege implies responsibility, and we dare not be at ease in Zion while there are those within our own land, and in other lands, who are hungry, undernourished, and ill-housed. God is not absent. He is not remote. He is utterly involved with the world He has made. He is to be found not just in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, but, above all, He is encountered as we seek to serve the neighbour who needs our help.

"Is not this the fact that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer, you shall cry and he will say, Here I am!"

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PRAYER FOR A FRIEND!

I will not wish thee riches, or the glow
Of greatness, but that, wheresoe'er thou go
Some weary heart may gladden at thy smile,
Some weary life know sunshine for awhile;
And so thy years shall leave a track of light
Like angel's footsteps passing through the night.

(Author Unknown)

PRAYER

by MISS PAULINE BROWN, Reg. N., India

Our loving Heavenly Father, at this special season of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts, filled with the beauty and wonder of Thy handiwork, in praise to Thee, our Creator, Saviour, Friend. We thank Thee for the multitude of blessings which surround, and at times almost overwhelm, us— loved ones; friends; a good land; freedom to live as we feel we might; a plentitude of worldly goods; food and drink; work to do; opportunity for developing our own, as well as our children's, potentials. Above all, we thank and praise Thee for Thy most precious Gift, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Through Him, we have been brought into a more intimate communion with Thee, Most Holy One, and through the continuing Presence of the Holy Spirit, we are kept in that communion, without which life would indeed be barren and hopeless.

We have suffered arid times in our lives, when we have followed our own selfish wills, instead of Thy just ways. Too often, in our harsh, self-righteous judgement of another, we forget that Christ died for THAT one, just as He died for us, and that each one is very precious in His sight. We put off, or forget altogether, to pray for one another, and for this muddled world, which is our responsibility. We, too often, join the chorus of the sceptics and critics, forgetting Thy Word, that only he who is without sin should cast the first stone. We are too quick to demand tolerance and respect for our views and beliefs, but so dreadfully slow in displaying these same qualities to others.

Too often, our noble, altruistic and high-sounding words are just shabby masks, trying to cover mean thoughts, and meaner deeds. How seldom do we pause to meditate upon — or even notice — the crimson, gold-splashed splendour of these Autumn days, and the One who has created all this magnificence. Truly, Our Father, there is no goodness or health in us: We humbly acknowledge our sin, and unworthiness before Thee. Wilt Thou, in Thy graciousness, forgive our failures and sins, and through the Holy Spirit, restore us to that life-giving fellowship with Thee?

Father, at this time, when our land abounds with all manner of luxuries, may our first, and great, joy be found in sharing with the millions who have, literally, less than the necessities for sustaining life. And may we offer, in the same manner as Thou hast given to us — freely, lavishly, and with each gift imparting something of Thyself. We pray for the Leaders of the world,

and of our own country. May there be raised up wise and reasonable men and women; people dedicated to peaceful and honourable settlement of disputes, and eager to discover means of living in harmony.

We ask for Thy blessing upon all those in authority in the Church. Wilt Thou be their Guide, and wilt Thou over-rule in decisions, and matters not in accord with Thy perfect will, so that the Church may be truly a source of strength, joy, and fellowship to all. Be with those bereaved, or suffering some great physical, spiritual, or mental burden. May they, through the Holy Spirit, know the peace, health, and gladness, of Thine indwelling Presence. At the beginning of the Academic Year, we would pray especially for all young people — those in Schools, or just beginning their careers. Grant, O Lord, that they may learn Thy truths, and be kept in Thy ways, so that Thy Name may be lifted high above all others.

To this end, we ask Thy blessing upon teachers, and all those entrusted with the training of youth, that they may look to Thee, the Source of all wisdom, knowledge, and truth. May we show in our lives the fruits of the Spirit, especially that infectious joy that wins others for Thee. We are the children of the King:— may we not live as offspring of the earth!

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and may all glory, praise, and honour, be Thine, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

(Miss Brown has been on furlough from her work on the Bhil Field, and soon now will be back in India, happily recovered in health, and rejoicing to take up her work among the Bhil people once more.

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AND HE REMAINS!

Before all Time, before all worlds,
Before the dawn of every age,
The dawn of every world
Is God! And He remains
Beyond all coming ages, and beyond
All unthought worlds that yet may be!
(Namber, 1270 — translated by
R. T. Gribble)

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PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN

by MRS. F. J. DICKSON, House Mother

WHAT DO WE MEAN by "Fellowship?" Is it merely "association" or "a joint interest"? These are two of the terms which are given by the dictionary. Is this the full extent of our Fellowship?

1 John 1:3 says "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." In Christ, our fellowship must have this deeper, fuller meaning, and this is the type of fellowship we hope to extend to those who come to us during the year.

The young people come from a variety of home situations. Some have parents who are anxious for, and interested in, the educational advancement of their children. Usually, these young people need only friendly encouragement in order to be successful. They will take full advantage of the desk and lamp in the study corner of their room.

But too often the child is escaping from a poor home. Their hope is that, with education and special training, they will be able to rise above the poverty by which their parents are trapped. These young people need the assurance that someone is vitally interested in their advancement, and that they definitely believe success is possible.

It takes great courage and determination for a young person to turn away from the influence of his home environment. After all, ties of home are deeply embedded in all our hearts. Who can criticize when a lonesome boy finds the struggle to adjust to an unknown way of life too much for his capabilities and, in a fit of despair, gives up the struggle.

If he has found one understanding heart he may reconsider, and try again when school reopens. Often, he then has a better chance of avoiding the pitfalls he had encountered, and he will be better fortified against loneliness. Sometimes, a few words of counsel and reassurance can supply the needed courage to try again.

Besides being a home from which a young person can attend a place of learning, Fellowship House is also a place where knowledge of life in a modern world can be gained. Outside the familiar life of an Indian Reserve, a boy feels lost, and rejected by a strange society. Although he can find his way across tractless forests, and is familiar with air travel, still bus tickets and transfers of a city transit system can pose a real problem. The operation of a gas motor is usually well understood, but if he comes from a reserve without electricity, a washing machine can be a positive puzzle.

Because it is the policy of the "House" to accept young people of any race or religion, it often is a real "United Nations." This is an excellent arrangement, each person's insights are deepened, and each person is helped to understand other races. Each individual has his own characteristics and idiosyncrasies, and very few traits are the exclusive property of any one race. They soon realize that it is not as much a difference of race, or culture, as it is a difference in personality.

During the school year, Fellowship House had boys of from fifteen years to young men in their early twenties, but, as the school term neared its close, it was considered advisable to notify the Welfare Office that there would be space available for other needy young people. Thus there came to our doors a number of young people who stayed with us for varying lengths of time.

Two were on their way home from school, and needed overnight accommodation. Tommy, a former resident from Pine House, was in town for new glasses. Angus came from Regina, to start his first job, and his mother was anxious that he make a good start. Lynn came to the city to take summer classes, in order to complete his grade eight. Louie hitch-hiked in from Green Lake, north of the Battlefords. He had run away from an unhappy situation, and he wished to make a fresh start. Fred was looking for work. Rita and Lawrence had been removed from their sister's home, and were placed at Presbyterian Fellowship House until the courts could arrive at a decision as to their future. With the exception of Angus, these were all Metis young people.

There also were three sisters, Nora, Madeline and Ruth. Their mother was Cree and their father Metis. They were fifteen, fourteen and thirteen years of age. From a home broken by the death of the father, and the persistent ill health of the mother, they and the three younger children were in desperate need of help. The older sister had made an heroic attempt to hold the family together but how does a fifteen year old girl care for an invalid mother, a baby brother, and four other youngsters?

Early morning is a sleepy time, and a sister has no real authority to prod drowsy children into wakefulness. The continual and increasing demands were too much for Nora. What we would call small distractions, such as a lost sock, a popped button, or a tousled head, were to her difficult tasks. With breakfast to prepare, lunches to pack, and four children to have ready when the school bus called, how was she to be ready also? It was much simpler to stay at home.

In any event, if she attended school, who would do the laundry, the shopping, and who would care for Johnny?

Last May the spasmodic school attendance was finally brought to the attention of the Welfare authorities. The mother was hospitalized, and the children taken into "Care." The three younger children were taken by a farm family, and the three girls came to Fellowship House. This was to be a short-term placement, but the weeks have slipped along and the girls have made a place for themselves in everyone's heart.

They were lost and frightened children when they first arrived, but the friendly interest of the other members of the household soon made them feel at home. They were encouraged to assist with the chores in the house, and this, too, added to their sense of belonging. It would be difficult to recognize them as the same lonely children who arrived in June.

Once again Fellowship House has proven its value. Young people adjust more easily to change, if they come into a home where there are others with similar problems, especially if the other residents seem to be happy, and at ease with one another.

At times, there seems to be no fruit for all the labour. One is so busy and tired that it is almost impossible to evaluate the work, and the defeats and trials overshadow all else. Then a Social Worker phones to say that Doug. has asked to return to the House for the next school term, or Louie said he thought the House was a really nice place to stay. Or, again, someone asks about a Bible passage which had been used during the evening Worship Service. Then we remember that we are only required to sow the seed; the harvest is in the hands of the Lord.

The first year at Prince Albert has seen the Fellowship House well utilized by both Indian Affairs and the Department of Social Welfare. The summer months have been especially busy with every bed full.

The Student Deaconess has made Fellowship House her headquarters. The other young people have enjoyed having her to teach them new games and to join in their discussions. Our prayer is that we may indeed "walk in the light and have fellowship one with another."

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WISHING

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember, day by day,
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way!
(Selected)

In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Wm. Lester	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. Stuart Rosewell	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. Wm. Dobie	Knox, Auburn	Huron
Mrs. George Hill	St. Peter's, Madoc	Kingston
Mrs. Robert Carmichael	St. Andrew's, Belleville	Kingston
Mrs. Morley Ward	St. Andrew's, Belleville	Kingston
Mrs. James Reid	St. Andrew's, Belleville	Kingston
Mrs. John Darvell	St. Andrew's, Belleville	Kingston
Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Shaw	St. Andrew's, West Huntington	Kingston
Mrs. J. W. McKibbon	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. J. H. Greig	Knox Crescent and Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. J. H. (Phylis) Kearns	Tweedsmuir Memorial, Orangeville	Orangeville
Mrs. George A. Arnott	Erskine, Ottawa	Ottawa
Miss J. MacTaggart	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Miss Eliza Ronson	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. J. Cranna	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. Alice Stephenson	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. James Armstrong	St. Andrew's, Warkworth	Peterborough
Mrs. Charles Young	St. Andrew's, Mooretown	Sarnia
Mrs. Charles Vallance	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. C. A. Buckhurst	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. T. S. Atcheson	First, Winnipeg	Winnipeg

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PLEASE NOTE:

Correction in 1964 Annual Report

Page 135 — List of Officers for Algoma Presbyterial — Error in address of President.

Should Read as follows: Mrs. R. Lawrence, R. R. #1, SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario, *not* "R. R. #1, KORAH."

MISS MATTHEWS

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 10th-14th, 1965

by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS
Director of Immigration,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

(This is the third of the series of four Worship Services, which Miss Frieda E. Matthews conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each morning of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, Toronto, last May. We are grateful indeed to Miss Matthews for her kindness in permitting us to publish these inspirational Services of Worship in our "Glad Tidings", in deference to the request of so many of the delegates who asked that this might be done so that all our readers could share, with those who heard them in person, in the help and guidance, given in these Devotional Periods, which were so strongly felt during the days of the Council Meetings. Miss Matthews is now the Director of Immigration for the General Board of Missions, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; but she was, for many years, a member of W.M.S. Staff, latterly as the executive Director of National Missions. She is widely known and warmly remembered throughout our whole Society.)

SERVICE NO. III

THEME — Courage and Faith

CALL TO WORSHIP —

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together."

PRAYER — Our Heavenly Father, we remember Thy promise that Thou wilt be near unto all who call upon Thee. Be Thou with us now, as we come to Thee in our worship together. Fill us with Thy spirit of love, as we come in reverence before Thee. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PSALM 19 —

"The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by."

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Romans 8:31-39

MEDITATION — Courage and Faith in this Age.

On Tuesday, we thought of the great sacrifice which has been made that we might be redeemed, and yesterday we thought of the responsibility which is ours — to tell others of the love of God — by our words and by our lives.

We know that it is easy to realize our responsibility, but it is another thing to put it into action. It takes courage and faith to put thought into action. The importance of being courageous is stressed many times in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. You recall the passage in Deuteronomy 31, describing the time when Moses told the people of Israel that he would no longer be their leader. The people were dismayed, but Moses said to them, as he said to the new leader, Joshua — "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord, thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

There are many other instances in the Old Testament of courage and faith. The faith and courage of *Abraham,* when he was called to offer his own son, Isaac, as an offering; Of *Amos,* who left the familiarity of the countryside of Tekoa to declare his prophecy in the marketplace of the City; the faith and courage of *Jeremiah,* who, in the face of continuous opposition and insult, continued to prophecy.

In the New Testament, also, there are many accounts of the great courage of men and women—Stephen and Paul, two who stood for their faith. Of the courage and faith of Christ, Himself—in the face of danger, unpopularity, loss of friends, the ridicule of the crowds—He set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament passage which we quoted, the command was — "Be strong and of a good courage" — with the assurance that "The Lord, thy God, He it is that doth go with thee: He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee".

We recall that incident, described in Luke 8: 22-25, of the frightened disciples in the boat, in the fierce storm. You remember that, after Christ calmed the storm, He asked—"Where is your faith?" In Hebrew 11—"the faith chapter"—we are amazed at the strong courage of these heroes of the faith.

And in this day, when the problems seem so great, when we need courage and faith for the opportunities before us, we need to know that there is One to Whom we may bring all our questions and strivings. We need to have the courage and faith that no matter what the problem is, or how heavy the burden, He *will* help us.

God wants each one of us to make the "Pilgrim's Progress," and to come to the point where "just as Christian comes up with the Cross, his burden loosed off his shoulders, and fell off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more."

The late Rev. E. J. Bingle, who had made a masterly survey and analysis of the position of the Church, in every part of the world, wrote this final paragraph — "Our last thought, (however), should not be of our problems, but of the mercy of God, whereby He has given us opportunities as well as problems, harvest as well as seed-time, and the assurance that the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our God, and of His Christ. Such is our faith, which alone will enable us to go forward."

We would say again in our hearts, those words of St. Paul, recorded in 2nd Timothy, 1:12,—"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

PRAYER —

O Thou, the Good Shepherd, Who gavest Thy life for each one of us, help us to know Thy voice, and to follow Thee wherever Thou dost lead. We pray for renewed faith to strengthen us, and for courage to fulfil the tasks and opportunities which are presented to us, as we meet in our Sessions this week.

Quicken our interest in the Church's world-wide mission. We pray especially for the new Churches in the land across the seas—for the members, so few in number, who are this day witnessing for Thee, and who, in spite of difficulties, face with courage and faith the ways into which Thou has called them. Bless the Missionaries—partners together in Thy Ministry—as they continue faithfully to proclaim Thy message. As we meet in our Sessions, grant that we may be directed by Thee, so that all our plans may be made in accordance with Thy will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 295 —

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died."

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SIXTY YEARS AND — THEN? DIAMOND JUBILEE OF MARY SLESSOR HOSPITAL ITU, E. NIGERIA

by MISS ANNE HOWSON, Reg.N.

AT DAWN ON A SUNDAY MORNING, a child is carried in his father's arms up the steep hill to the hospital. He lies limply, his eyes open but unseeing, his breath coming in gasps. He is carried through the door and laid gently in a small cot. The anxious parents are asked questions. "How long has the child been ill?" "For a week," is the reply. "Why have you not brought the child sooner?" the Nurse asks. There is no reply, but the small cuts on the body of the child tell the tale of treatment by the witch-doctor. In a short time the child is dead, despite the efforts to save him.

In a busy village on the bank of a river, another scene is enacted. A large group of neat, well-dressed women sit on benches with their babies on their laps, waiting for their turn to have their baby weighed, blood tested, and injections received to prevent disease. While they wait, a Nurse gives them instruction in the kinds of food that are best for the baby. A colourful poster illustrates the lesson.

For sixty years, the people of the area surrounding the Mary Slessor Hospital have made their way up the hill to the Hospital, seeking a cure for their many sicknesses. What a vast number of changes have come about during those sixty years, and yet what changes have been anxiously waited for, and striven for, and are yet to come!

What a story can be told of courage, and perseverance, of faith and hope, in the midst of hardship and frustration! This story begins with a young Scots woman, Mary Slessor. One of seven children in a poor shoemaker's family, Mary had to go to work in a weaving mill at the age of eleven, in order to help support the family. These years moulded her strong character and her mind thrived on her adversity. At the age of twenty-seven, Mary Slessor made the long journey to Africa, to labour for Christ amongst a people still living in the darkness of superstition—superstition that prompted them to carry out cruel practises, such as murdering infant twins, and burying alive the wives and slaves of a dead Chief.

Mary Slessor was not satisfied to remain in the shelter of established Mission Stations, but struck out into the unmapped territories of the interior. The waterways of the Cross River were her highways, and a canoe was her main transport. Her venturing brought her eventually to a meeting of the waters, a place which was at the crux of a number of waterways, coming through the lands of several different tribes. With her broad vision, Mary Slessor foresaw the strategic positioning of this place, a gateway into the whole interior. "It must be manned as a proper Mission," said she. "As a natural and strategic point in the conduct of our Mission, it is incomparable." Eventually, Miss Slessor's idea was taken up by the Mission Council, and it was decided to make Itu, as the place was called, a Medical Centre. From one of the greatest slave centres in W. Africa, Itu was to become a place of healing for bodies and souls. In 1905, on a high hill above the swamps, a Hospital was built and a doctor began his enormous task of winning the confidence and trust of the people with his "white-man's medicine." His task was to be passed on to many others over the years. The woman who first had the vision died in 1915, at the age of sixty-three, the ravages of malarial fever and dysentery having taken their toll on her body. But her vision became a reality, as Itu became a thriving Trading Centre, and the Itu Hospital began to develop.

By 1923, the First World War now history, the Hospital was falling to pieces, as the white ants ate their way into its timbers. A newcomer, Dr. A. B. Macdonald, and his wife, vigourously set about to revitalize the Hospital. Approval for a new Hospital, on a larger site, was obtained, but it wasn't until 1927 that the new Slessor Memorial Hospital finally materialized. The period from 1922-1927 was one of much activity, as the dynamic Macdonalds set to work. "The first job was to clean up the Hospital, the operating room and the insides of the other buildings, and to wash the walls well with lime, to make them as antiseptic as possible, and discourage the white ants.

At six in the morning, the patients would be seen coming up the steep path, some at normal speed, others obviously with limited strength, while some might be carried upon bamboo beds. It was not at all an ideal site, but no other was available to the founder, except swamp land, at the beach, where there would have been even more mosquitoes. Many twin babies were brought to the Hospital, dead or dying; some mutilated, some poisoned, some just neglected. So a home was made for them, and over the years many a baby's life was saved.

The numbers of patients increased each year, and when a drug was discovered, which cured the disease of 'Yaws' after a few injections, the reputation of the white Doctor soared. A slow treatment of a disease did not impress the people, but an almost overnight cure impressed them mightily and hundreds came for treatment. Many stayed for treatment of other conditions. The twenty beds of the Hospital were insufficient, and patients slept between the beds. A new Hospital had to be built, and it was built. Itu Mission was a happy and prosperous mission station." (Recollections—Dr. A. B. Macdonald)

The years passed, and still the Hospital continued. Another World War came and went, having its effects even on the life of Itu. In 1946, Government sanction was sought for Mary Slessor Hospital to be approved as a training Hospital. Four years later, this was achieved and a new phase began. Government grants helped in the expansion of Hospital and training facilities and, in 1955, the first student nurse passed her final examination, and became a graduate nurse. This was to be an important phase in the life of the Mary Slessor Hospital, as the tremendous need for trained Nigerian medical personnel was becoming more and more acute, and a wide vista of opportunity stretched before the Church in training Christian nurses to help meet the needs. However, this phase was to present a challenge difficult to meet, as the whole country of Nigeria was now developing at a great speed towards independence, and the Government was expecting higher and higher standards. Warnings came, from the Eastern Regional Nursing Committee, to the effect that if staffing was not improved, and a Sister Tutor obtained immediately, the training school would have to be closed. Efforts were redoubled and the requirements met. For a while, the Nursing School strengthened; a number of Nurses passed through the capable hands of the Sister Tutor, and became Nigerian Registered Nurses. The buildings were expanded, facilities improved, but, increasingly, the pressures were applied by the Government for higher and higher standards —more trained staff; higher qualifications for girls entering Nurse's training; more Hospital beds and services, to provide wider experience for the Nurses.

Then in 1965, the year of the Diamond Jubilee of the Mary Slessor Hospital, with patient numbers inadequate, and financial reserves almost gone, the training school was closed. Forty-nine student Nurses found themselves with the prospect of being moved to other Hospitals, or offered jobs as assistant Nurses.

The Hospital was now completely on its own, and financially in a very serious state. The final fate of the Mary Slessor Hospital in the year of its sixtieth anniversary will depend upon the action of Government. As a voluntary Hospital, there is little hope for the future, but if joint status is granted by Government, the Hospital can continue in rendering service to the peoples in its area.

The course of world history has been an amazing one during the past sixty years! Who could have foreseen the vast changes that were to take place . . . changes affecting every corner of the earth? The highways of Mary Slessor and her contemporaries are no longer the highways of the fast-developing Nigeria. Trucks rumble swiftly over tarmac roads, where once the canoe and its cargo swept gently down the rivers. The main roads bypass the once thriving centre of Itu. New Hospitals have sprung up in the surrounding areas.

But still many of the people are disease-ridden, and still they go to the witch-doctor first, for his incantations and potions, and still the wee ones suffer from malnutrition, malaria, and parasites. The Light of the Gospel has not yet penetrated the darkness to its furthest reaches. The need is still there, the challenge awaits!

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OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

—MISS PAULINE BROWN, R.N. B.Sc.N. returns to India in October. Miss Brown came home on furlough several months early because of illness. That illness has been cleared and she is now able to resume her work in public health in the Bhil field.

—MISS SHIRLEY DREDGE returned to Canada the early part of September from Nigeria. Miss Dredge will be studying at the University of Western Ontario.

For the "In Remembrance" Column!

Names which are intended to be included in the "In Remembrance" Column of "The Glad Tidings", should be sent directly to Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, the Editor, and as soon as possible after the death of a W.M.S. member. When an "In Memoriam" is given, it does not mean at all that the name of the late member will automatically come to "The Glad Tidings"; nor is there any basis of fact in the statement, sometimes heard, that **only** the names of those for whom an "In Memoriam" is given, will be published in the "In Remembrance" Column. There is no connection whatever between these two. The names of **all** late W.M.S. members are accepted for "In Remembrance", and **all** names received by the Editor are published, just as soon as publication dates will permit.

(L.M.C.)

THE MOST MUSICAL MAN I EVER KNEW! A MEMORY

by MRS. ELLA JONES, OF DUNCAN, B.C.

FIFTY TO SIXTY years ago, in my youthful days, folk with enough money to go to the opera were indeed scarce in our town. In our household there was never enough money for opera—and even if there had been, we would not have gone, for it was against our church's principles. But with no opera, no radio, no concerts, were we denied the joys of music? Indeed not—for we had *Peter Shupe*.

For a church such as ours with no musical instrument, Peter was a Godsend. Did I say "no musical instrument?" Wrong! For Peter had his tuning-fork in Key of C.

I can still see Peter—a short, medium-built man with twinkling grey eyes and a small, neat 'spade' beard. I can see him snap his tuning-fork between his teeth with a clear Ping! "Ping" was the sound of middle C, and Peter would hum up and down in his light, sweet tenor, and finally get the correct note and off we were—all of us—singing with heart and voice.

When I say—all of us—I mean just that! For to sing—from the oldsters to the youngsters—was not an obligation but a joyous privilege. It was practically impossible to find a young man in our church who could not sing bass or tenor. As for the women and girls—sopranos and altos were nicely balanced. We were not divided as a Choir, but sat together as families and the result was a rich and complete blending of sound, not found in our modern choruses or choirs.

Often, people from other Churches—Churches with pipe organs and Choirs—would slip into the back seats of our humble Meeting-House, just to enjoy the singing.

You will be asking "How did the congregation get to singing like that?" The answer to a great extent is—"Peter Shupe".

Peter was a man with music in his very bones. He hummed or whistled it seems to me, most of his waking hours—on his bicycle—in the factory where he worked—a tuneful melody where Peter was! As for what he did for us young people—let me tell you. Nearly every winter he would hold a Singing School at the church. One evening a week, for six weeks, most of us from the age of ten years up would attend. He had his own tiny booklet "Rudiments of Music for Beginners" at five cents each. Then there was Book 2 for those who had attended several winters.

There we learned our "do-re-mis", and were taught to sing part songs and the alto, bass, and tenor in hymns. We younger fry would be home by 9 P.M., and the older ones would get their advance training after that. How we loved the chorus and part singing! By the time we were fifteen years old, we could sing many songs by sight. Even now, at seventy, I really enjoy singing the Family Herald songs on the "Old Favorites" page by sight, as there are some I never knew.

What did Peter get out of this? No one ever thought of paying him as far as I know. But I know now that his happy face reflected the joy it gave him to pass on to others that love of music which bubbled up in him and simply had to come out in some way.

The result too of this training was that the family loved to gather around the old organ at home often, and, with real pleasure in harmony, sing and sing. There must be other Peter Shupes in this land of ours and they are worthy of honour and gratitude indeed. We learned to love good music, and to make good music, because of the most musical man I ever met.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all Executives of local groups, Presbyterials and Synodicals, that, as they meet to plan for the Fall and Winter months, they may be open to God's guidance and ready to follow where He would lead.

—For all who profess the Name of Christ, that at this Thanksgiving Season each may realize that "thanksgiving" is "thanksliving," and sharing the knowledge of God's great love.

—For the work of the Church in Nigeria, that in these days when plans are being made for the ceremonies acknowledging the union of three churches into the Church of Nigeria, there may be the sure knowledge that God is in this union. May this new Church ever truly proclaim Christ's Gospel.

—For the medical work in Nigeria. Pray that God's way may be known for Hospitals under the care of Christian missions. Pray for the Doctors and Nurses, that they may not lack in any thing which may make their work blessed in His sight.

—That we may each give thanks, at this special season, for the members of our National Staff across Canada, for their very real and sacrificial witness, in carrying forth the Missionary task of the Church.

—For the five new Missionaries on the National Staff—Miss Iris Ford, Miss Mary Lou Funston, Miss Shirley Smart, Miss Margaret Balderston, Miss Marilyn Duffield. May we uphold them daily, that they may be strengthened in their new work.

HOW INFORMED ARE YOU

About the Activities of Your Society and Staff?

If you have been carefully reading your Glad Tidings since January 1965, you should know how to *fill in the blanks* in the following statements:—

1. Miss ...., as the Hospital Visitor at Toronto Riverdale Hospital for Chronic and Convalescent Patients, conducts the weekly Service of Worship as well as doing regular systematic visiting.
2. The theme of the Adult Mission Study for 1965-66 is ....
3. Miss ...., R.N., B.Sc.N., who is also a graduate of Ewart College, has been invited to serve in McKay Memorial Hospital, Formosa, in Nursing Education.
4. A dedication of the Presbyterian Fellowship House at .... was held on October 9, 1964. Mr. and Mrs. F. Dickson are in charge of this house.
5. The name of a member of staff who transferred from the National Staff to the Organization Staff as Regional Secretary of Manitoba is Miss ....
6. A Nigerian woman called Ma Eke, who became a Christian in a Church Hospital, began a .... when she returned to her village.
7. Miss Marilyn Duffield, a 1965 graduate of Ewart College, was welcomed to the National Department staff in April to work with .... in Northwestern Ontario.
8. Miss .... attended the mid-winter meetings of the North American Area Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in Niagara Falls, Ontario, as a representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
9. Miss Eleanor Knott, B.H.Sc., M.A., has been appointed to serve in .... where she will give leadership in Christian Education work, as well as teach Home Science in the ....School.
10. The W.M.S. help (financially) to print a monthly paper, the "Evangelical Truth," which now has an established reputation, and is sent all over the world to different centres where there are ....
11. The General Assembly of the .... Christian Church in .... appointed two full-time women workers for the Christian Education Department in 1964.

Please turn to page 29 to check your answers!

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

WASHING ELEPHANTS, AND OTHER PATHS TO GOD.

By Minton C. Johnston

Certainly this is an intriguing and unusual Title, isn't it? At once it arouses a lively curiosity about the twenty-one Chapters which comprise the contents of this 127-page volume! And when one realizes that the Rev. Dr. Minton C. Johnston, who is the Author, is a Canadian Minister, the Pastor of Thornhill Baptist Church, not far from Toronto, and a member of C.B.C.'s National Religious Advisory Council, it makes one all the more eager to explore these brief and inspiring meditations, which deal perceptively with the many ordinary thoughts and incidents from the lives of ordinary, everyday people, and which have resulted from his own personal experiences, and observations of life. These are arranged under three Headings—"Faith; Everyday Living; Death and The Hereafter"—seven meditations included in each category.

Each one has been specially chosen from the many such messages which Dr. Johnston has given over his weekly Radio programme, which so many people have listened to with regularity and real appreciation. In the preface to his book, Dr. Johnston says—"The purpose of this book is to help all of us ordinary, run-of-the-mill folk to see the revelations of God, which lie all about us in the ordinary things of life, waiting to be discovered by the simple and imaginative." Some of the Titles are—"How Do You Know It's True; The Eye of God; Whosoever; To Love Like A Dog; Enduring; Talking Too Much; The Safeguard of Insecurity; Thirteen Eggs and A Setting Hen; Emotions; Concerned Souls; Home Is Now; Facing The Unknown; Where Your Heart Is; One Way Streets; When Death Leaps Out." One very fine Chapter you may have already read, for it was published in its entirety in the May issue of our own "Presbyterian Record." This is "The Shortest Possible Prayer," and it is indicative of the value and depth of the whole book. Dr. Johnston is also the Author of "Twenty Four Hours To Live," published in 1962. Price of each—$2.50.

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

By Georgia Harkness

Surely there never has been a more urgent need—and general desire—for Christian people to know very definitely what they *do* believe, and *why* they do *so* believe, than exists right now in this present age! It is an acknowledged fact that Dr. Georgia Harkness is known to be one of the most knowledgeable and esteemed interpreters of the Christian faith to questioning laymen, of the present-day modern Protestant writers. She is now Professor Emeritus of Applied Theology at the Pacific School of Religion, in Berkeley, California. An ordained Methodist Minister, Dr. Harkness is a graduate of Cornell University, and later, in Graduate Study, she earned two Masters Degrees and her Ph.D. from Boston University. Her previous books have been "Understanding The Christian Faith;" "Toward Understanding The Bible;" and "Beliefs That Count." This new book, just published in June, seeks, in the simplest terms, to bring to the average Christian, a clear understanding of what we believe about God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church and the Christian life; it is dedicated "to lay Christians everywhere who wish to understand their faith." And that really means for all of us, doesn't it? This is a good-looking paper-bound edition of 72 pages—a very worth-while book—Price—.85c.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

If you have not already provided yourself with a copy of this excellent brief History of our own Presbyterian Church in Canada, I am sure that you will wish to order one just as soon as you possibly can. This book is undoubtedly a *must* for every Presbyterian! It is a Centenary Project of our Church, and it has been written by Dr. Neil S. Smith, for many years Librarian of Knox College Library; by Professor Allan L. Farris, and by H. Keith Markell. The history of our Presbyterian Church in Canada is the proud history of an old and historic Church. It is closely interwoven with the history of our Dominion, and has played a major role in its growth and development. It is treasured in the hearts of its members, and every Presbyterian child should be made well aware of the background of our faith and our Church. This new "Short History of The Presbyterian Church in Canada," which was published May 1st, 1965, is the ideal source of such information, and will, I hope find its way into every Presbyterian home, and into the hands of every child and young person in the Church—Price—$1.35

MARY POPPINS
AND MARY POPPINS COMES BACK
By P. L. Traverse

This is such a lovely and delightful book for children — and indeed for adults too—that I just must mention it! Of course everyone knows who Mary Poppins is. Isn't the Movie still breaking all records for attendance, wherever it is shown, and who could ever estimate the number of grown folk, who find all sorts of excuses to go—and go again? The original books about this beloved and most remarkable Nursemaid, which Julie Andrews now portrays so whimsically and wonderfully, are in most cases worn to tatters by their enthusiastic young readers, but now there is this most beautiful book, which combines the first two stories written about this fabulous and loveable lady. It is most beautifully illustrated; is as gay and colourful as can be in its pretty pink jacket; and is a wonderful gift for any loving Grandma, Auntie, or anyone else for that matter, to give to some favourite youngster. Perfect for Birthday or Christmas gifts!

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ABOUT SIR FRANCIS IBIAM!

(Condensed from the book, "Men for Others", by Stanley Rowland, Jr., which was reviewed in the September issue, and which is one of the Resource and Reading Books recommended for use with the new Study Packet. The Author is a Feature Writer and Editor for the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations.)

SIR FRANCIS IBIAM, as most of our readers will know, has for some time now been the State Governor of Eastern Nigeria, and both he and his wife are staunch, working members of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. They will both be warmly remembered from their visit a few years ago, when they travelled across Canada, visiting the Churches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Later, at the Annual Council Meeting held in Stratford, Ontario, in 1961, Lady Ibiam, was an honoured guest on the Opening Night, and brought to us a stirring message, which will be long remembered by all who heard her speak that night.

In presenting, as a vital chapter of his book, the story of Sir Francis Ibiam's life, the Author describes a visit to the State House, which is also the home of Sir Francis and Lady Ibiam, as well as the place of Official Business for Eastern Nigeria. There was a simple grace at the beginning of the meal, given by the Governor, and this was followed by general conversation which told a great deal about Nigerian development, and especially through industry and farming. Nigeria became an independent nation within the Commonwealth, in October, 1960.

"The young men need to learn," said Sir Francis, "that when they become educated, it is still honorable and responsible to go back to the farm. We are starting Village Farming Communities. The land is pooled, then owned and occupied by the participating villagers. My Father cultivated yams, like everyone else in his time. They are still a staple product but we are trying to diversify agriculture, and get more heavy industry." Speaking of his boyhood years in the town of Unwana, in the Nigerian bush country, Sir Ibiam talked of his parents. "They were not Church people," he said, "but they believed in God. My Father had a shrine to 'Chi-neke,' which means 'God-Who-created.' When we were small boys, we believed in "juju" — we thought if a person walked into darkness, he would disappear!"

Francis Ibiam, when he was ten years old, went down the river to Hope-Waddell, a well-known School started by Scottish Presbyterian Missionaries, which his brother was already attending. Later, he became the first Nigerian Principal of Hope-Waddell. Following his education at Hope-Waddell School, Sir Francis went to College in Lagos, and later took his University and Medical training at St. Andrew's University in Scotland. "Christianity is the real antidote to superstition and its fears," said Sir Francis, "I found this release from fears at Hope-Waddell, and became a Christian before long."

"I became a Doctor, and returned to Nigeria as a Medical Missionary. I found that, as a Missionary, I would never have the money to give my children an advanced education—and I wanted them to excel me. My contemporaries were earning four or five times as much as I earned. I knew I could have done the same, but I never hungered to be in their position. I had chosen my work and was happy in it!"

Under the direction of the Church of Scotland Mission—now the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria—Dr. Ibiam went to Abiriba, in Eastern Nigeria, where he started a Hospital. By 1937, the Hospital had an Operating Room, and a Ward for thirty-two patients. Members of the patient's family still come along to care for the patient, but now new attitudes toward health and treatment were being formed. In 1939, he married Eloijinka, a clever young Nigerian girl of Lagos, who was a graduate Nurse, trained in London, England, and with her wonderful help and co-operation through the years, great results were accomplished. For his dedicated work and constructive achievements for his people, in 1951, he received a Knighthood, from Queen Elizabeth. Christian work among his people, meant also a personal interest in Nigerian politics and policies, where his remarkable Christian leadership soon became outstanding, and in 1958 he presided over the first All-Africa Church Conference. By 1960, Sir Francis had been appointed Governor of Eastern Nigeria, by Queen Elizabeth, and when Britain granted independence to Nigeria in 1963, Sir Francis still retained the honourable position of Governor.

In concluding this chapter on the life of Sir Francis Ibiam, Mr. Rowland, the very perceptive author of this worth-while book, says "Sir Francis was helping to father history itself. With the mind of his faith, using the ceremony, order, and powers of the State House, Sir Francis was acting to transform time. He was turning time into history, and putting into it the content of civilization. His mission was to be pre-eminently a civilized man, who lived and radiated the history and ethics of his faith." Could anyone earn a higher eulogy than that? (L.M.C.)

The Teen Years

"SHE'S NOT OUR TYPE . . ."

by SHEILA D. WOODS

"Mr. Harris!"

Sue nearly dropped all her school books as she ran after the man walking ahead of her. Mr. Harris, Pastor of the Greenfield Community Church, turned and waited when he saw who was calling him.

Sue was out of breath. "May I talk with you for a minute?"

"You surely may! I was just going into my study. Come along."

"Jean will be here pretty soon. We've got a terrific problem." She sank into the big armchair and dumped her books on the floor.

"Who, or what, is on your mind?" he asked.

"It's a who—I mean it's a she—a new girl. Her name is Gloria Glastonbury. We don't know what to do about her."

"In what way?"

"Well, she's different somehow, and she wants to come to our Fellowship meetings."

"Oh? What's wrong with that?"

Sue looked a little flustered. She was relieved when Jean came in.

"Jean, how can you describe Gloria?" Sue asked. Her friend looked thoughtful for a moment before she replied.

"She's loud. She wears too much lipstick. Too high heels, and she's pushy!" The words came out with a rush, and Sue added:—"She is, Mr. Harris, honest she is! I know it doesn't sound Christian and stuff, but she just would not fit in our Group, period. Even Joe and Rick don't like her."

"How can we keep her out," said Jean, "and not hurt her feelings?"

The eyebrow began to climb again. "Should a Church keep people out?"

"Oh, I knew you'd say that, and yet . . ."

"Let's put it this way. How much do you know about this girl? Why are you so sure she won't fit in?"

"We know she lives in a house trailer with her grandmother—and her mother has been married four times!"

"This is the sixth school she's been to!"

"Then, she must be lonely."

"Lonely? You should see that girl push!"

"But why does she push?"

"Why?" Jean stopped, looked at Sue, who shrugged her shoulders, and said: "Who cares! She's not going to push in with us, that's for sure. Everyone in our group has grown up in Greenfield, and our parents are all active in the Church. Why, she'd feel out of place!"

"How would you feel if you had to try to make new friends at six different schools, and have a family background as insecure as hers seems to be?"

There was a silence for several minutes while they all thought about it, and Mr. Harris gazed out of the window. The young people of his Church were used to this. He would throw a question out for everyone to "chew on," as he called it, and it never seemed to matter how long the silence lasted while they did just that.

At last Sue said, "Maybe she has no one to tell her she uses too much lipstick."

"Maybe she pushes because she wants to be liked." Jean was trying to think what it would be like to feel like Gloria.

"Now we're getting somewhere, but there's just one thing that puzzles me!" Mr. Harris seemed to be taking in every detail of the left front fender of a green coupe parked across the street, but they knew he wasn't. "Who told you her mother had been married four times?"

"Well, it just got around," said Jean.

"A boy who lives in their trailer court told Rick, and he told me," said Sue.

"I see." Mr. Harris looked stern, and he rarely did. "It so happens," he went on, "that Gloria's grandmother asked me to call on her, and I did. There have been two marriages, not four, and her stepfather has to travel a great deal. Gloria's mother left her here this time, hoping she would settle down and make some friends. They all felt she was getting too old for her age, and hoped she could belong to your Group. Actually, I was going to ask you two to invite her."

"I could die!" whispered Jean.

"Me too," said Sue.

Mr. Harris laughed. "I doubt if that will be necessary! I think that when Gloria begins to feel that you kids like her, she will no longer need to push, as you call it."

"We'll ask her!" The girls picked up their books and went toward the door.

"By the way, how about 'up-spreading' some of those rumours?"

"Oh, Mr. Harris!" And this time Sue *did* drop all her books.

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TO PLAN FOR THE NEXT DECADE!

THE REV. DR. KENNETH G. MCMILLAN, General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society was among the 100 Church Leaders from 48 countries of the world, who met, last June, in Driebergen, Holland, to seek answers to problems which have confronted the Churches and the Bible Societies because of the religious crises of the 20th century. They sought to plan, together, on a world scale, for at least the next decade.

This important Conference, held in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Netherlands Bible Society, was on the personal invitation of the Archbishop of York, President of the United Bible Societies, who presided over the five days of Meetings. Twelve Denominations, or Confessional Traditions, were represented, ranging from Brethren and Mennonites to Roman Catholics and Orthodox. Half of those participating came from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Some were from bodies which are strongly Ecumenical; others have grave doubts about this Movement. Some of those present were Sir Francis Ibiam, Governor of Eastern Nigeria—a staunch Presbyterian; Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Stephen Bayne, of the Anglican Communion;

Bishop Hans Lilje, of Germany; Dr. Paul Rees, of World Vision, Inc.; Dr. James McCord, of Princeton University, U.S.A. All of the Churches and Denominations unite in recognition of the indispensable place of the Bible Society in the life and Mission of the Church, everywhere, and this conference was an opportunity for the Churches, and the Bible Society, to plan for Christian advance, through the more effective use of the Scriptures.

Some of the topics discussed were—*What* do the Churches expect from the Bible Societies? What do the Bible Societies *expect* from the Churches? What Can the Churches and the Bible Societies do *together*—and *how?* The Bible Society has vast experience to draw upon, and, with a better appreciation of its role, the Churches can avail themselves of its resources, and, at the same time, help to provide the increased revenue required. The Scriptures are still the most potent medium of Christian outreach, and their distribution is essential if the Church is to keep pace with the growth of the population. At present the Christian population is estimated to be 32% of the world population.

The Bible Society movement, which began in 1804, has played a leading part in the great drama of Missionary Expansion in the 19th century, and it is now adapting itself to the opportunities for evangelism presented in the second half of the 20th Century. Its aim is the translation, production, and distribution of the Scriptures, in the common languages of mankind, at a price within the means of the poorest. The Scriptures have now been distributed in 1216 languages, and world distribution has reached nearly fifty-four million. The Bible Society is at work in more than 120 countries, and the Scriptures have been made available in the languages spoken by 95% of the world's population. Now, the Bible Society faces the challenge of providing the Scriptures for at least one million new literates *each week*. It is planned by Unesco that 350 million adults will be taught to read within the next five years!

There is an unparalleled need, and demand, for the Scriptures, and as this Conference of Church Leaders considered how to "meet the need, and seize the opportunity for continuing the world progress of the Christian faith, there was the realization, too, that both Churches and Bible Societies have a deeper involvement than ever before in the one great task of providing the Scriptures for everyone, in his own tongue, and at a price he can afford. To assist in meeting this urgent need throughout the world, the Canadian Bible Society has been asked to assume an additional $200,000, toward the Five Million Dollars required in 1965, to provide the Scriptures already ordered from some 100 countries. (Adapted)

Boys and Girls!

BRUCE AND KATHY'S THANKSGIVING

"I wish we could go to Grandmother Reed's for Thanksgiving," said Kathy.

"I do, too," said Bruce, "but Daddy says it is too far to travel and besides we can't afford it."

Bruce and Kathy's family had always spent Thanksgiving with all the aunts and uncles and cousins at Grandmother's. Mother and Daddy were going to miss this too, but they knew, when they moved to Springdale, that they would not be able to go back for all the holidays.

Mother had heard Bruce and Kathy talking. "I know how you feel," she said, "but I think we will have a good Thanksgiving here."

"How?" Bruce wanted to know.

"Well, first of all, we have a lot to be thankful for," said Mother, "and that's what Thanksgiving is about!"

"Yes, I know that," said Bruce, "but how can you have any fun with only four of us?"

"Why can't we invite somebody?" asked Kathy, her eyes dancing with the new idea.

"Perhaps we can. Think it over," suggested Mother, "and we'll talk about it with Daddy tonight."

Bruce and Kathy really did think a lot about it. Kathy remembered the story in her Church School book about how the Hebrews shared part of their good harvest with people who did not have as much. When night came, they had a suggestion to make.

Bruce spoke first. "We would like to invite the new family who live on the farm near the main highway. They were not here last summer, and they couldn't have a garden and raise things the way we did."

"Yes," said Kathy, "there are six children, and one is a baby. Perhaps I could help take care of him."

Mother and Daddy smiled at each other. "We were thinking of the Clemasky family too," said Daddy, "but I guess you know them better than we do. I think that is a good idea. They have not been in this country long. It must all seem very strange and new to them."

"Let's go and ask them soon," said Bruce.

And so Mother and Daddy, Kathy and Bruce, all hopped into the car and went to call. The Clemasky family were glad to see them, and also happy to accept the invitation for Thanksgiving.

Bruce and Kathy were so busy getting ready for the Thanksgiving party that they forgot all about wanting to go to Grandmother's. They made favours for the table, and decorated the dining room. On Thanksgiving morning they set the table for dinner with twelve places, including a borrowed high chair for the baby. What fun!

When the Clemaskys arrived, there was a jolly time trying to remember all the names. Kathy began making friends with Baby Eric. There was a girl, Anna, about Kathy's age and a boy Joe, just Bruce's age. Then there was another boy four years old, and two older girls.

First of all, Bruce invited all of the children to see the farm. He showed them the cattle in the barn, his pet hen, and lots of other things. It was such a good day that they all wanted to stay outdoors, and soon they were playing games. Bruce and Kathy discovered that the games the Clemasky children knew how to play were almost the same as the games they played. By the time dinner was ready everybody felt well acquainted.

Inside, Mother and Mrs. Clemasky had been getting acquainted too. Mrs. Clemasky helped Mother mash the potatoes and put the food on the table, while Mr. Clemasky and Daddy were planning how they would carve the two golden brown chickens that had just been taken from the oven.

Soon all twelve were seated at the table, which was filled with good things to eat. Daddy said a prayer of thanks, and then everyone was generously served.

It was a wonderful meal, topped off with pumpkin pies made from the big pumpkin Bruce had raised.

When they had finished eating Daddy said, "Bruce, won't you tell us the story of the first Thanksgiving?"

Bruce told it well, and when he had finished, Mr. Clemasky said, "I like this idea of Thanksgiving! We have much to thank God for, too. We want to say thank you to you, our friends who have shared your Thanksgiving with us, and have made this day such a happy one."

"It has been a happy day for us, too," smiled Mother.

That night when Bruce and Kathy were getting ready for bed, Bruce said, "This was the nicest Thanksgiving we ever had."

And Kathy agreed.

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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE BIBLE

(*The following is from the chapter entitled "Moses, the Leader of the People," in the book "Thoughts and Adventures," by Churchill.*)

"WE REJECT, with scorn, all those learned and laboured myths that Moses was but a legendary figure, upon whom the priesthood and the people hung their essential social, moral, and religious ordinances. We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and rationalistic conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally, and in identifying one of the greatest of human beings with the most decisive leap forward ever discernible in the human family.

We remain unmoved by the tomes of "Professor Gradgrind," and "Dr. Dryasdust." We may be sure that all these things happened, just as they are set out according to Holy Writ. We may believe that they happened to people not so very different from ourselves, and that the impressions those people received were faithfully recorded, and have been transmitted across the centuries with far more accuracy than many of the telegraphed accounts we read, of the goings-on of today. In the words of a forgotten work of Mr. Gladstone, we rest with assurance upon "the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture."

Let the men of science, and of learning, expand their knowledge, and probe with their research every detail of the records which have been preserved to us from these dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity, and essential accuracy of the recorded truths which have lighted, so far, the pilgrimage of man!"

(From the Editor's Treasure Box)

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"A CERTAIN WOMAN, NAMED MARTHA!"

(By the late MOST REV. BISHOP R. J. RENISON)

THE BIBLE is a book chiefly about men—because, in the ancient Oriental world, women's place was secondary. This side of the work of Jesus must never be overlooked. His attitude to woman has altered her position in the world. No one can study society in classical antiquity, or in non-Christian lands today, and not realize this. Widowhood in India; marriage in Turkey; these used to be proverbs for the misery of women. Even to this day this Jewish prayer is used "Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, Who hast not made me a woman!"

It is clear to anyone who will take the trouble to read the four Gospels carefully, that in the first three, there is, strangely enough, very little said concerning a well-known family of Bethany. Neither St. Matthew, Mark, nor Luke, mention the name of Lazarus. Only St. John, writing thirty years after, when all of the chief actors were dead, tells the complete story.

Between Jesus and women, there was an instant elective sympathy. Women protected Him in the days of His ministry. No woman ever betrayed Him. The Gospel of St. Luke, the most human of all the Gospels, tells us of this innate sympathy, more than any other. There is the sweet beauty of the Magnificent; the stately portrait of Elizabeth; the pathetic idyll of the woman who was a sinner; and there is also this story of home life, which is one of the marvels of literature—not a single word is wasted:—

"Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister, called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said 'Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me;' And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things. But *one* thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.' "

Can't you picture the scene? The house, with its appetizing smell of cooking; the little arbour of green leaves, beneath which Jesus would be sitting in the courtyard, with Mary at His feet. They would both be able to see Martha, busy with her pots and pans, and she would see Jesus and Mary, so cool and idle, while she was working so hard. What a human picture! Martha even includes Jesus in her rebuke. Had they been invisible from her kitchen, she might not have been so angry, but Jesus and

Mary *were* sitting in the courtyard. As Martha stands before Jesus, she seems so familiar and natural to us! She is immortal and international. In every language under the sun, and in every age, "Martha" has broken into a discussion with an indignant:—"You sit there doing nothing while I am working my fingers to the bone." We want to break a lance in her honour! Many a poet has sung of Mary, but Martha should be considered as a Queen among women—she is the typical woman.

Let us set her face upon a canvas, and look with new admiration upon a brave, warm-hearted woman, who grew into the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. There would be no homes in the world, if there were no Marthas. Jesus saw right into her heart; He marked the tireless service of her hands, and realized that her life was a constant sacrifice. He discerned her practical genius, her generous spirit, and her unquestioning faith—and so, Jesus *loved* Martha.

Luckily for the human race, the home does not depend on the sacrifice of men. When the old people need somebody to stay at home, who is it that carries-on? When a volunteer Nurse is needed, isn't it Martha who undertakes to go? It is, of course, perfectly true that sometimes she seems to put too much emphasis on the routine of life. Perhaps, when Jesus throws His shield over Mary, His words are a suggestion that He also longs for the sight of Martha's face, and a softer light in her eyes.

The sons of Mary, and the sons of Martha, have an unending quarrel. They divide the world between them. Tennyson and Rossetti, in their beautiful poetry, may sing of Mary and her sons, but Rudyard Kipling, the far-sighted and gifted realist, says this, of the sons of Martha:—

"And the sons of Mary smile and are blessed—
They know the angels are on their side,
They know in them is the Grace, confessed
And for them, the Mercies are multiplied.
They sit at the Feet—they hear the Word—
They see how truly the Promise runs,
They have cast their burden upon the Lord,
And the Lord—He lays it on Martha's sons!"

The story of the raising of Lazarus is told in three scenes, the first being the prelude to the miracle. Jesus is resting in Perea, across the Jordan, and Martha sends the message—"Lord, he whom Thou lovest is sick." After three days, Jesus and His Disciples were climbing the road from Jericho, to the hills of Bethany. Martha heard that He was coming. Marvellously, St. John takes up the brush and fills in the little details of character study:—"Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him." A superbly lifelike touch! Mary is still in hysterics, but Martha has dried her tears. "Lord," she begins, in her usual blunt way:—"If Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." And then, revealing the depths of her soul, she says:—"But I know that, even now, whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God—God will give it Thee." Jesus saith unto her, "Thy brother shall rise again. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

And Martha said—"Yea Lord:—I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Did you ever think that it was to this depth of faith, in Martha, that Jesus spoke those words that have brought comfort and hope wherever a man or woman has stood above an open grave? And then her confession — "I know that he shall rise again," shows us that this well-balanced woman has greater faith than had her sister, Mary. In fact, we doubt whether, in all the Bible stories, you can find a more magnificent declaration of faith than that of Martha of Bethany!

(From the Editor's Treasure Box)

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WORLD CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION — 1965

Sponsored each year by the Committee on World Literary and Christian Literature, Artists of other countries than the U.S.A. are invited to enter their work. Over the past ten years, artists of Africa, Asia, and Latin America have been entrants; all paintings are exhibited at the Interchurch Center in New York City, where many people come to see them, and some are purchased. The purpose of the competition is to develop interest in Christian art throughout the world, and to support literacy and Christian literature abroad. The winning entries are reproduced as Christmas cards—about half a million of these are sold each year.

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Each painting should measure 12 x 16 inches or less. Larger entries are difficult to handle and may be damaged in transit unless they can be rolled.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Thank-Offering Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley* was held in the Church Sanctuary, with President, Mrs. Bee Blake, presiding and conducting the Worship Service. Mrs. Elsie Jones gave the Prayer, and, following the Service, the film "Go, That We May Know" was shown to the congregation, with a brief commentary on the book, "Go and Know," given by Mrs. Irene Jarrett. Mrs. John Allison closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Two successful Meetings were held by the W.M.S. Evening Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley* before closing in June. One was a Pot Luck Social held at the summer home of Mrs. Bee Blake at *Ward Lake.* Special Guests were the Rev. John and Mrs. Allison, and their baby daughter. Members were present from *Cranbrook* and *Kimberley,* and all enjoyed the delicious Pot Luck Supper beside the campfire. Presbyterial President, Mrs. Flora Dow, reported the Synodical Meeting, which she had attended, and the programme included a few merry social games, before closing with Prayer.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Twenty-three members attended the Thank-Offering Meeting of the

Marie Douglas Evening W.M.S. Group of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Burnaby,* which was held at the President's summer home at the Bay. All members of the various Groups of the Church were invited guests, and all enjoyed the Camp-fire lunch, the fellowship of games and sing-songs, and the inspiration of the Devotional Service.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Meetings of this Presbyterial were held in *Carragana* and *Prince Albert,* and the Theme of both was "Press Towards The Mark," from Philippians 3; verse 14. In their excellent Reports, all Secretaries brought members up-to-date on the work of the various Departments, and stressed the need for more active response in the future. Mrs. N. Clark, Presbyterial Delegate to the Annual Council Meeting at Ewart College, in *Toronto,* last May, gave a comprehensive presentation of those Meetings and decisions. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, was warmly welcomed back after her Study Furlough of several months, and showed an interesting Film Strip, followed by a Discussion Period on the challenge and problems of applying Christianity to the problems of today. Mrs. F. J. Dickson, House Mother of the new Prince Albert Fellowship House, spoke briefly of the work done there. President, Mrs. Clark urged members to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in *Calgary* this year.

The regular Meeting of the James Nisbet W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* was held at the home of the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. F. Sinkiewicz. Divided into small groups, discussion was held on the challenge of Mission work in *Nigeria,* and the problems which new Christians have to face. A Committee was appointed to prepare a Prayer Manual on *Nigeria,* as suggested in the Study. President, Miss I. Bailey, of *Clouston,* on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. F. J. Sinkiewicz, who, over the years had given outstanding service, both at *Meath Park,* and latterly in the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert.* Following the business period, an hour of fellowship was enjoyed over the teacups.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Peter Dawson, Presbyterial President, gave an interesting account of the Annual Council Meetings, in *Toronto,* when she spoke at the one-day W.M.S. Rally held in *Rosetown* Presbyterian Church. Among the fifty W.M.S. members gathered together that day were representatives from *Colville, Fairmont, North Battleford, Rosetown,* and *Saskatoon.* The Rev. L. Hughes, Minister of *Rosetown* Presbyterian Church, conducted the Opening and Closing Devotions. With Posters, Skits and Films, the work of five of the W.M.S. Departments were presented, and the humorous Skit "What Not To Do in Hospital Visitation" was followed by an interesting Question Period. A musical selection was contributed by the *Rosetown* members.

The Explorer's Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* at their Spring Award Tea presented a Film, prepared by the Group on their study of *Japan,* and this was commented on by each member in turn, after which the Group sang, in Japanese, "Heavenly Sunshine." Red stars were presented to Linda Van Duyvendyk, President; Secretary, Margaret Bremner; Treasurer, Cathy Carey; Marcia Porteous; Sheila Walton; Harry Van Duyvendyk; Eddie Van Sheller; and Jean Van Duyvendyk. The Minister, the Rev. R. A. Davidson, closed the gathering with Prayer. Mrs. W. E. Early, W.M.S. Auxiliary President, presented each Explorer with a souvenir of *Japan.*

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WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — When the joint Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of St. James Presbyterian Church, *St. James* (*Winnipeg*) was held recently in the Church Hall, Mrs. Alex H. McKay, Synodical President, gave an interesting and comprehensive Report of the Annual Council Meetings, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* last May. The Meeting was also privileged to have with them Miss Hester Dugan, who is working with the "Faith Mission" in *Quebec,* and Miss Regina Bears, who told of her Mission work in the *West Indies,* and illustrated her Address with interesting slides of that land.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Paisley,* celebrated their 50th Anniversary in June, when President, Lydia Knauf, read the Call to Worship and welcomed the many guests. After the Prayer, given by Lynne MacKay, the Leader, Mrs. John Clarke, called on Mrs. R. Hood, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church, to conduct the Re-affiliation Service. The Membership Cards and Badges were then presented by Mrs. Hood, to Cindy Forrester, Judy Rae, Bernice MacKay, Janet Knox, and Bonnie Parker. A Skit, given by Norma Jean Dryden, Janet Knox, and Cindy Forester, told the story of the uniforms, and Lanyards were presented to Lydia Knauf, Norma Jean Dryden, Linda Cumming, Ann Stark, and Mary Schmidt. Linda Knauf gave an excellent travelogue on *Indonesia,* where the C.G.I.T. 50th Anniversary Offerings will provide a Girls' Camp. An impressive Candle-Lighting Ceremony followed, and the Rev. W. E. Knox pronounced the Benediction. Wall Plaques in copper tooling, and candles made by the members, created an excellent Display, and of special interest was the 50th Anniversary Plaque made by Leader, Mrs. John Clarke. An Anniversary Book, containing the life story of the Westminster C.G.I.T. members, was an unusual and well-appreciated feature of the Display.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of *Kirkwall* Presbyterian Church recently celebrated their 80th Anniversary. Mrs. S. Hood conducted the Worship Service, assisted by the C.G.I.T. group, who were celebrating their first Anniversary. Mrs. Coverdale, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Reeve, accompanied by Mrs. Marcy at the organ, sang two trios. The Auxiliary History was given by Mrs. Jamieson, who pointed out the many returned Missionaries who, through the years, had told of their work on the various Mission Fields, when they visited this Auxiliary. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary for this Synodical, the Guest Speaker, was introduced by Mrs. H. Henderson, of *Sheffield.* Miss Hanes, in her interesting Talk on Formosa, told of the many new Churches built there, as the result of the work of Christian Missionaries in the "Island Beautiful." Mrs. Clark presented the thanks of the Auxiliary to all taking part in the Programme, and at the Tea Hour, greetings were brought by Mrs. N. Anderson, President of *Hamilton* Presbyterial; from the *West Flamboro* and *Sheffield* W.M.S. Auxiliaries; the United Church; the C.G.I.T. Leader; and from the Representative of the District Institutes of *Beverley.* The C.G.I.T. Group assisted in the Tea Room.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Earl Campbell, presided at the Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Carmel Presbyterian Church, *Hensall,* and opened the Meeting with a poem on "Faith." The Worship Service was given by Mrs. P. Campbell and Mrs. John C. Boyne, and Mrs. Beatrice Hall was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Edward Munn. Mrs. W. A. Young, wife of a former Minister, was Guest Speaker. All W.M.S. Groups of Huron Presbyterial, and of neighbouring Churches were specially invited guests. At the Tea Hour, Mrs. George Walker, one of the oldest members, cut the beautiful Anniversary Cake.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Presentation of brass Offering Plates to

St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Rodney*, was one of the highlights of the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church. These were presented by Mrs. James Woodend, President of the W.M.S. Afternoon Group, and dedicated by the Minister, the Rev. Ross D. McDonald. They were the gift of Mr. John A. Paterson, *Oakville*. Three Rodney boys who became Presbyterian Ministers were among the 200 guests attending the Service in the Church—the Rev. D. G. Campbell, McNab Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton*; the Rev. Harold Lowry, Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burlington*; the Rev. Donald Campbell, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia*. The fourth, The Rev. Delwyne Evans, is Overseas, and was unable to attend.

Mrs. Woodend conducted a Candle-Lighting Service for members, W.M.S. Church Groups, and Missionaries at home and abroad. Those participating were Mrs. John Messerschmidt. Mrs. Glen Campbell, *Hamilton*, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Mrs. Mary Coles, Mrs. Don Scott, Mrs. Jack Patterson, Mrs. John Aggerholm, and Mrs. A. Dark. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Jack Patterson, by Mrs. John Tunks; to Mrs. Ernest Campbell, by Mrs. K. Patterson. The C.G.I.T. presented a lovely corsage to each W.M.S. member.

The Rev. Donald Campbell, *Sarnia*, was Guest Speaker, and, introduced by the Rev. Ross McDonald, he spoke on "The Call to Missions." The Rev. Harold Lowry read the Scripture, and the *London* Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. J. McDonald, of *Appin*, brought greetings. Mrs. Glen Rumble was Soloist, and the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. McDonald sang a duet. A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. Messerschmidt. Mrs. Alex Campbell gave the Congregational and Auxiliary History. In 1950 the Group celebrated a Diamond Jubilee, and two years later they presented a Baptismal Font to the Church. The Rev. Glen Campbell, *Hamilton*, closed the Meeting, and lunch was served by the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary.

This Presbyterial has suffered a great loss in the recent death of Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, of *Port Stanley*, who had contributed more than 40 years of dedicated work to the Women's Missionary Society — she served as President of Hamilton and London Synodical, and was Honorary President of *London* Presbyterial for several years before her death. This Spring, her own Dorothy Douglas W.M.S. Group of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Port Stanley*, and the *London Presbyterial*, presented her with an Honorary Membership and Pin. Mrs. Wheaton was able to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebrations in *Montreal* last year, but illness made it necessary to leave almost immediately after her arrival in *Montreal*. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and associates, and sincere sympathy is extended to her husband and daughter.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The Summer Conference of this Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Simcoe,* with Mrs. George E. Corman presiding, and members present from *Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Embro, Tillsonburg, Innerkip,* and *Simcoe.* Devotional Periods were conducted by Miss Elsie Little, and Mrs. Harvie Main, and music was provided by Mrs. Charles King, Miss Louis Gibson, and Mrs. H. V. Jewitt. Greetings were brought by the Rev. S. Curr, Presbytery Moderator; Mr. D. I. Hill from the Kirk Session; Mrs. K. W. Rayner for Synodical, and Mrs. Tom Ross from the local W.M.S. Group. The Memorial Service was conducted by the President; Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, spoke on available Publications from Head Office; Miss Clare Hanes summarized Overseas Mission Work. A Film Strip was shown. Mrs. Jean Howell was appointed as delegate to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre in *Belleville.* Mrs. S. H. Bradfield, of *Brantford,* closed the Meeting with Prayer.

Two Rallies for Explorers and C.O.C. were held by Mrs. John A. Miller — in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* and in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Woodstock.* The Roll Call was answered by the presentation of a packet of seeds, and these were later sent to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, at *Kenora.* Slides of this School and the Indian Reservation were shown at the *Brantford Rally,* by the Rev. F. W. Swan. At the *Woodstock* Rally, the Rev. Earl Eaton, of *Innerkip* was Guest Speaker, and led the Devotional Period.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — A joint Meeting of W.M.S. members from *Hensall, Exeter, Seaforth,* and *Mitchell,* was held in *Cromarty* Presbyterian Church, to hear Miss Agnes Hislop, Missionary on furlough from the *Bhil Field,* give an interesting account of her evangelistic work among the Bhil women on that Field. She stressed the need for the women at home to be well informed, in order that the interest in *Overseas* work might become more personal and vital. Mrs. Mervin Dow presided, and Mrs. J. C. Boyne led the Devotional Period. The C.G.I.T. Group participated in the Programme.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. R. Lawrence, presided at all sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial. Mrs. James Evans conducted the Evening Devotional Period, and Mrs. Norman

McEwin was Soloist. The Guest Speaker, Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, spoke on "The Church—Our Mission," and later conducted the Installation of Officers for 1965-1966.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Alliston,* celebrated their 40th Anniversary in July, when the Rev. Charles Townsley conducted the Meeting, in the absence of the President, and, during the Programme, sang a solo, which had been composed for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Readings, poems, and slides were much enjoyed. The Auxiliary History, read by a member, revealed that this Auxiliary was organized in July, 1925, just after Church Union, with Mrs. Seymour Newell, the first President. Mrs. Grace Cave, now the only surviving Charter Member, was honoured with the presentation of a corsage and scatter-pin, and Miss Laura Newell and Miss Elsie Ney, both of whom have been faithful workers and loyal members for almost the same number of years, were also presented with corsages. At the Social Hour following the Meeting everyone enjoyed a delicious Supper, and a piece of the beautiful Anniversary Cake.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. McLean was presented with an Honorary Membership at the Thank-offering Meeting of the Anna Cooper W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Willowdale* Presbyterian Church; in recognition of her 29 years of leadership in this Auxiliary, the Girls' Groups, and the Church. Past President, Mrs. G. Dougall, received a Life Membership. Mrs. McLean's bar, and Mrs. Dougall's Pin, were personal gifts from Mrs. R. Dewar, the only surviving Charter Member of this Auxiliary. The Rev. George I. Hopton, B.A., Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in the University of *Toronto* was Guest Speaker.

At an evening Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, *Aurora*, Mrs. H. H. McKay of *Richmond Hill* led the Devotional Period. Guest Speakers were Miss Valerie Dunn and Miss Wilma Welsh, who gave illustrated Talks of their experiences at an Adult Camp and Area of Christian Fellowship, and at "Operation Beaver" at *Split Lake, Manitoba.*

Mrs. W. E. Brown, who for over thirty-five years served as Financial Secretary of the Women's Association, and the Patterson and Wallace Auxiliaries of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* at a recent Congregational Dinner, was the recipient of a Scroll from the Congregation, and a well-filled Purse from the three Women's Organizations of the Church. Mrs. Brown was also Treasurer of East Toronto Presbyterial for a period of ten years—1950-1960—and looks forward to many more years of service for her Master.

Four young students, who are in Canada for further study, before taking up their work in their respective countries, were the Guest Speakers at the Thank-Offering, Meeting of The Presbyterian Women of *Clairlea Park* Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough,* to which all members of the congregation were invited. Mr. O. Kalu, of *Nigeria,* spoke of the geographical and political areas of his country, and Miss Comfort Ejere of *Nigeria,* who is in Canada to take the three-year Course at *Ewart College,* told of the work of the Church in *Nigeria.* The Rev. Cheh, of *Japan,* brought greetings from the Korean Church in *Japan,* and Miss Grace Tsai, of *Formosa,* told of her Father's Christian influence, which brought her actively into the Women's Work in the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa.*

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. O. H. Lyons presided at the Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kingston,* and Mrs. J. W. McDonald led the Devotional Period. The Treasurer announced an anonymous gift of fifty dollars to be used for the presentation of two Life Membership Certificates. Guest Speakers, Rev. Stephen Lee, Mr. Frank Nebutete, and Dr. C. C. Yang, were introduced by Mrs. J. W. McDonald and thanked by Mrs. C. A. Stuart. The Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

A Dinner Party for the entire W.M.S. family of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kingston,* was given by the St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Explorers gave a Musical Programme; the C.G.I.T. contributed an amusing Playlet, using an Indian theme; and a Film showing a Boys Camp in Northern Ontario was shown. Mrs. C. A. Smart, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented Life Membership Certificates to Miss Joice Houston, C.G.I.T. Leader, and to Miss Shiela Scrutton, Explorers Leader, in appreciation of their many years of faithful service.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *West Huntington,* has lost a well-loved member in the recent death of Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Shaw, of *Ivanhoe.* A Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Shaw was a Past President of Kingston Presbyterial, and a Charter Member and Past President of the Ivanhoe Women's Institute. For many years, Mrs. Shaw taught the Adult Bible Class of her Church and also was a valued member of the choir. Sympathy is extended to her son, Mr. Milton Shaw of Ivanhoe, to her two sisters, and to her many friends, both in her church and community.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — *Hillside* C.G.I.T. members entertained their Mothers, and Mrs. M. E. Kerr, Past President of *North Bay* Presbyterial, at a Pot-Luck Supper in the Church Hall, as part of their celebration of the C.G.I.T. 50th Anniversary. Streamers, golden 50's, candles, flowers, pretty place mats and serviettes, formed an attractive setting for the delicious meal. Mrs. Kerr said Grace, after which the girls presented Mrs. S. Boyuk, and Mrs. D. McLaren, their Leaders, with pretty corsages, as well as their Mothers and Mrs. Kerr, who were Special Guests. A short Worship Service, conducted by the girls, followed the Supper, after which games were played. Tea and cookies, a Sing Song, and the regular C.G.I.T. Closing, all by candlelight, brought a delightful evening to a close. All arrangements for this happy event were made and carried out by the girls themselves — from decorating to dish-washing.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Centreville Presbyterian Church, *South Monaghan.* President, Mrs. W. H. Fulton, presided, and the Devotionals were given by Mrs. A. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. Shaw, and Mrs. J. Cosens, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Bowmanville*; Mrs. R. Hill, of *Brighton*; and Mrs. F. Morgan, of *Norwood.* The Rev. A. M. Duncan, B.A., brought Presbytery greetings, and Mrs. Robert Grier, with Mrs. Ralph Grier, sang a duet, to organ accompaniment by Mrs. H. Seens. The Guest Speaker, Miss Tamiko Nakamura, gave an interesting picture of her work among the Koreans in *Japan.* Mrs. W. H. T. Fulton closed the Meeting with Prayer.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. Perkins, presided at this Presbyterial Rally in the Presbyterian Church, *Moorefield,* to which guests were welcomed by Mrs. H. Kitely. A Panel Discussion on the Synodical Meeting in *Orangeville* was given by Mrs. D. McIasacc, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Mabel Dodds, and Mrs. James Hooper. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. W. I. Saunders, and the Soloist was Mrs. Floyd Vessie, of *Drayton.* The Treasurer, Mrs. James Vessie, used a Chart in presenting her interesting report.

Guests from *Durham, Knox, Normandy, Amos, Dromon, Fairbairn,* and *Mount Forest,* attended the Thank-Offering Service of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Holstein* Presbyterian Church, when the Soloist was Mr. Hugh Lamont, and a double Quartette of young people from *Broman* and *Holstein* were a feature of the musical programme. The Guest Speaker, the Rev. George Malcolm, of *Hamilton,* who, with his wife, served as a Missionary in *Formosa,* showed coloured slides of the Island, and displayed handicrafts of the Formosan people.

Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, wife of the Rev. Hugh MacMillan, Past Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for many years serving as Missionaries in *Formosa,* was the Guest Speaker for the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Durham* Presbyterian Church, and gave an interesting account of the work in Mackay Memorial Hospital, *Formosa,* and in the many new Churches in that land. Mrs. Thomas Firth and Mrs. Wm. Hewitt sang a duet.

Many past members and friends from neighbouring W.M.S. Auxiliaries, met in *Fairbairn* Presbyterian Church, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church. President, Miss Mabel Dodds, a daughter of one of the Charter members, the first Secretary of this Group, was in the Chair. Three Charter Members are still living, and one of them, Mrs. G. L. Ernest of *Mount Forest* was present at this Anniversary Meeting. Her grand-niece, Mrs. W. Burrows, of *Guelph,* presented her with a corsage; Secretary, Mrs. G. Barfoot, read the Minutes of the first meeting; flowers were placed on the Communion Table in memory of departed members; and musical selections were given by Miss Dianne Watson, and by Mrs. Arthur Conn and her sister. Greetings were brought from Presbytery by the Rev. A. Pickering, Pastor of this Church, and by Presbyterial President, Mrs. John Perkins. Miss Lois Powrie was Guest Speaker and gave an inspiring and helpful Address. Refreshments were served, and the Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. Ted Linder, *Mount Forest,* daughter of the first President.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — The 35th Rally of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *New Liskeard,* with President, Mrs. J. Litster, in the Chair. Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, led a lively discussion on ways and means of creating interest in W.M.S. work, and Mrs. Litster spoke on "Reaching Forth." Guest Speaker, Miss Elsie Taylor, from *Nigeria,* showed slides of the Hospital at *Ubana.* Soloists were Mrs. E. Fielder; Mrs. L. McDougall; Mrs. H. Hawkins. A Memorial Service was held, and officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. T. A. Duke.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Helen Goggin, B.A., was Guest Speaker at the Thank-offering Meeting of the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit.* Mrs. K. C. Hendry, Auxiliary President, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Miss Goggin.

At the Thank-offering Meeting of the Anna Reid Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Royce Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* the Rev. C. Roger Talbot, home on furlough from *Tokyo, Japan,* was the interesting Guest Speaker, and Mr. Jack Nicholson was Soloist. A film was shown of Armagh Home. Mrs. George Blyth was presented with a Bible from her Auxiliary members in appreciation of her long and faithful service. Girls from the Explorer Group received the Offering.

When the 50th Annual Meeting of Section 2 of this Presbyterial was held in *Limehouse* Presbyterian Church, the two Rural Secretaries, Mrs. F. R. Thompson, *Georgetown,* and Mrs. J. Weylie, *Streetsville,* presided, and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell welcomed the guests. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. L. Young and Mrs. Lee Campbell, of *Union,* and Mrs. H. Michie, of *Boston.* Mrs. Lockie, of *Milton* was Soloist. Mrs. Roy Gellatley, Reg. N., on furlough from *Nigeria,* was Guest Speaker. Miss Marion Young of *Union,* reported on "Camp Iona," and Mrs. Wm. Sardals, of Brampton, thanked those who contributed to the Programme.

A joint Thank-offering Meeting of Owaissa Young Women's Group, and the W.M.S. Evening Group, was held in the Presbyterian Church, *Weston,* with Mrs. G. Davidson, Owaissa Group President, presiding, and the Devotional led by Mrs. M. Crawford. Mrs. John Murray, on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and told of how the Bhils are being taught to be Leaders and Ministers to their own people. Soloists were Mrs. J. Boulton and Mrs. G. Bridgeman. Literature Secretary, Mrs. P. R. Pepper, had an excellent Book Display.

Section 3 of West Toronto Presbyterial held their Annual Meeting in *Woodbridge* Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. Dr. Howick spoke on "Let Your Light So Shine Before Men," and Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, the Guest Speaker, gave an Address on "The Mission of the Church." Greetings were brought by Presbyterial President, Mrs. S. A. Milne, and Members of *Nashville* W.M.S. Group put on "An Historical Review of the Development of the W.M.S. in This Section." Mrs. W. J. Agar presented gifts to Retiring President, Mrs. Berry, and the Retiring Supply Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Wood, both of whom have given many years of service in the W.M.S. *Bolton, King City, Nobleton,* and *Woodbridge* W.M.S. Auxiliaries were represented.

Mrs. S. A. Milne, President, occupied the Chair at the evening Meeting of *West Toronto* Presbyterial in Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when Mrs. DeCastro, of *British Guiana,* and now a member of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and, wearing her East Indian costume, told of the Presbyterian Church work in *British Guiana.* Devotions were led by Mrs. Thorel, and Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, told of her recent trip to *Bermuda,* where, in company with Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teen-Age Work, they conducted a Leadership Training School for Church School Teachers, and met with other Church Organizations there.

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THOSE PRECIOUS BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THERE ARE FOUR of them now, you know — four deeply meaningful and beautiful volumes, carefully treasured within the handsome Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower, in the dignified old Parliament Buildings of Ottawa, Canada's Capital City! These are, indeed, more than anything else could possibly be, the real treasures of the people of Canada. Every one of the thousands of names inscribed therein is individually loved, honoured, and remembered, in some heart that loved the bearer of that name; every name there has become, and will ever remain, a vital part of the history of our Nation.

For these huge, leather-bound Books are solemnly dedicated to the memory of those brave men and women, who gave their lives for the land they loved, and willingly made the supreme sacrifice that freedom might be preserved for those who would come after them. Let us never fail to give to them the heart's Tribute of Remembrance, not only on Remembrance Day, but on every day that we live, for without their gallantry and sacrifice, how sadly different this land of our's could be! The First Book of Remembrance, the oldest of the four, contains the names of those who died during the terrible days of World War I, which started in 1914, and embroiled almost all the world, before peace was declared in 1918. This Book was started in 1932, and was not completed until ten years later, when it was dedicated on Remembrance Day of 1942.

This beautiful and impressive Book is the first thing one sees upon entering the hallowed Memorial Chamber, for it holds a very central place indeed. It rests within a glass casket on the top of the Altar of Remembrance. The always-open illuminated Pages are held in place by a great golden Cross, of exquisite workmanship, studded with the loveliest of amethysts from Nova Scotia. Every day, at a certain hour, a quiet little ceremony takes place, in which a single page of this treasured Book is turned over, so that, in course of time, each revered name is revealed to public viewing. Each day a different Page is opened up. The great Altar, itself, was the gift of Great Britain to Canada, and it is made of a large block of specially chiselled Yorkshire Limestone, which bears the Royal Arms, the Arms of Canada, and the Coats-of-Arms of all the Canadian Provinces. A great slab of black marble, the gift of Belgium, forms the supporting base for this beautiful Altar of Remembrance, which is itself, truly "A thing of beauty, and a joy forever." Coloured stones, from the Battlefields of France and Flanders, add their silent accent of poignant remembrance.

The other three Books of Remembrance are also a part of the Memorial Chamber, but, when the new National Shrine of Remembrance becomes a reality in our Centennial Year of 1967, as is now planned, these three Books of Remembrance will *all* rest on Altars of Remembrance of their own, as now does the First Book of Remembrance, which weighs sixty-eight pounds. The Second Book of Remembrance contains the names of those who gave their lives in World War II. This completed Book was dedicated on November 11th, 1957, by our former Governor General, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, and this now rests upon a second Altar in the Memorial Chamber. It weighs 100 pounds, and records the names of 44,890 Canadians known to have lost their lives in this War.

The Third Book of Remembrance, dedicated on May 3rd, 1962, preserves the honoured names of those who died in the Sudan Campaign, and the South African War. Also dedicated on this same date was The Fourth Book of Remembrance, begun in 1957. This Volume enshrines the names of those Canadians who died in the Korean War — the last War in which our Canadian troops participated. All the pages in these historic Books are of finest calfskin vellum, and the illustrations and decorations have all been done with very special pigments, of proven long-lasting quality, both in the lettering and the illuminating. Twenty-four carat gold has been used for many of the inscriptions and initial letters. Tooled Morocco Leather forms the Covers, and each precious volume has an outer cover of boxwood, on which is carved the Armorial Bearings of Canada.

As an artistic production alone, they are all beautiful beyond words!

Prepared under the direction of the Department of National Defence, the important business of designing and creating these Books of Remembrance was undertaken by the outstanding Heraldist Artist, Lieutenant Commander Alan B. Beddoe, O.B.E., R.C.N., who served with distinction himself in the Canadian Forces in both World Wars. He is an Authority on heraldry, and a retired Naval Officer, and these remarkable Books are the result of a great many years of intensive research, study, and creative effort, on the part of this brilliant Artist and his Staff. The Second Book of Remembrance, alone, is the product of nine years of work; the first Book of Remembrance took ten years for completion. A long, long time? Yes, but what matter — they have been created for posterity — for infinity — they are a timeless, precious possession far beyond time, or price!

There is an English and French edition of each, and, as well as the long lists of honoured names, there is the eloquent "Page Without Names" — a Page in simple and sincere memory of all those Brave Ones, reported "missing," whose names and identities can never be known; and of those of our different Services who have died since the Books were completed, as a result of their War Service. A great many beautifully reproduced Badges and Coats-of-Arms illuminate all the Pages. Canadian birds, flowers, and animals, are depicted on these Pages also, in their lovely natural colourings, as are a great number of heraldic and geographic symbols. In the Second Book of Remembrance, for instance, more than 400 illuminated Badges and Coats-of-Arms have been used to emphasize the long columns of names, inscribed in sombre black. Special Pages are designed, and given to most of the well-known Campaigns and battles — the Raid on Dieppe; the Battle of Britain; the Campaign in Sicily and Italy; the Battle of the Atlantic, etc.

Complete photostatic copies of all these four Books have been made, so that visitors to the Memorial Chamber may take their own time and carefully go through any of these Books, as they search for some beloved name, which so deeply concerns them individually. It is possible for relatives, or other personally interested visitors, to see any of these pages at any time. It is only necessary to ask the officer in charge for the copy they would like to see.

It is indeed a hallowed and tranquil spot, this Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower. To visit there, and quietly stand in the serene beauty of this "heart of Canada," where the soft light of the high stained glass windows falls in muted shades of violet, gold, rose, and crimson on the Altar, and upon these cherished and poignant Books of Remembrance, is to feel that a Benediction rests upon you, and a trust is bequeathed unto you, which you never can allow yourself to forget or overlook!

PRAYER

by MISS BARBARA WOODRUFF
Regional Secretary, Alberta Synodical

Eternal God, Thou who are far greater than we can comprehend; Whom we, by reaching, cannot touch, but Who dost touch our lives and lift them out of their littleness; Thou righteous and holy Father, we praise and honour Thee, and bring before Thee, now, our humble offerings in prayer.

We seek Thy forgiveness, our Father, for the sin that does so easily beset us. Replace our self-concern with a concern for others; broaden our narrow vision, and give us eyes to see Thy children throughout the world; give us ears to hear, and hearts to feel, the cries of the destitute, hungry, ill, and desolate. Give us hands that reach out to our brothers in need, and minds that seek for answers to the searching problems of this world. Forgive us for our satisfaction and complacency; disturb us into action.

In this world of turmoil and differing ideologies, where minds become confused, and are apt to cease trying to discern, grant us wisdom and courage, O God. Help us to know that, in such a world, we hold in our hands the very Word of Life. May we be wise stewards of our treasure. Thou knowest that often we have failed to offer the healing balm of Christ to the suffering world. Forgive us, and send us forth again, to serve more faithfully in the new strength Thou dost give us.

For the moments of victory; the pleasures of life; the loved ones that surround us; for those far off, but near in spirit; we thank Thee, our Father. In this land of peace and bounty we have reason for rejoicing, and much for which to praise Thy name. Accept our thanks, and grant that our thankfulness may be seen of men, through the joyful lives we live.

For all who spend their lives ministering to mankind, we pray — teachers, doctors, comforters, counsellors, parents, public servants. May they know Thy hand upon them, increasing their power to serve. At this time, O God, we seek a blessing on our Government. Grant that our people may be given wisdom to choose good leadership for our country, and we pray that all Government leaders may be led to seek peace, brotherly love and concern. As they take up their Offices, may they be given strength of purpose, fidelity in action, and clarity of vision, that they may faithfully serve this country, and be a service to the betterment of the world.

We pray, our Father, for all those in special need — those who suffer great pain; who endure the loss of all that is dear to them; who are distressed and lonely, desolate and in despair. Make Thy presence known to them. And if any of us should be the instruments Thou hast chosen for this purpose, may we be worthy of Thy service.

May Thy Church advance to Thine honour and glory, that she may be worthy of the high calling to which Thou hast called her. These, our prayers, we bring before Thy Mercy-Seat, O Holy Father. Blessed be Thy name forevermore, Amen.

You—and Your Adult Group

FOR ADDED INTEREST!

(As groups use the material in the study packet for 1965-66, they may wish supplementary material in the "Christian Outreach" section of the programmes. The following information could add interest.)

DID YOU KNOW . . .?

Christian Literature

"About 90% of the world's written languages have been put in written form by missionaries, and Bible societies . . . We've put them in written form, and then the people usually want to learn the national language and have their children educated . . ."

(page 58 "Men for Others" Stanley J. Rowland, Jr.)

"It is reported from Leopoldville that Scripture distribution figures for the Congo last year showed a thirty-eight per cent increase over the previous year. More than one hundred and fifty-two thousand Bibles were distributed in the Congo Basin during 1964, the report reveals. In recent months, distribution records have been broken by groups of refugees seeking copies of the Scriptures."

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"Despite widespread distribution, seven out of eight Christians in the world do not possess a New Testament. Fifty million Americans are without a Bible." (—*Christian Mission Digest*)

Education

"Plans for a one-and-a-half-million-dollar Protestant Radio Station in Switzerland have been announced. Located in Berne, the new station will broadcast Christian programmes throughout Europe, and to certain overseas areas. Programmes designed for such countries as Italy, Portugal, and Spain, will be prepared by local people who know the needs of religious minorities in those lands. A thirty-two-member Board, made up of churchmen from various European countries, will have ultimate control over all programmes broadcast by the new Swiss Radio Station.

* * *

The first East Asia Christian Conference Rural Life Institute was held early in 1965. The purposes of the institute were these:

—to survey the rural situation in relation to the forces of rapid social change.

—to share experiences of Christian workers in improving the standard of living, and to define the church's role in this endeavour.
—to strengthen training programmes for rural pastors and lay leaders.
—to find ways of creating true "communities" of people in rural areas.

(—*Rural Missions, Summer,* 1965.)

Medical

Miss Pauline Brown, who returned to India the end of September, is teaching for approximately three months at the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore. The late Miss Bessie MacMurchy was director of this School, where Graduate Nurses are given an opportunity to receive graduate education through the medium of Hindi.

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A modernly-equipped Church-Sponsored Hospital was officially opened in Hay River, North West Territories, in June 1965. The 28-bed H. H. Williams Memorial Hospital has grown out of a nursing station established in 1953 by the Pentecostal church body. All races and creeds are served by the new Hospital, which is operated under the auspices of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

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A special Mission Ship, built by the German Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, will leave shortly for service in Indonesia. The seventy-foot craft is the first ocean-going motor ship ever financed by a regional Church in Germany. The ninety-ton vessel was presented to the Evangelical Church of Nias in Indonesia this summer on its One Hundredth Anniversary. With a crew of four, the Mission Ship will run on a fixed schedule between several Ports of Nias and Sumatra, carrying food, medicines, and Missionary supplies.

Social Action

A milestone in helping handicapped people to lead productive lives has been reached in Japan, with the dedication of the new Agape Factory near Tokyo. Sponsored by Japan Church World Service, the Relief and Welfare arm of the National Christian Council of Japan, the Agape Factory is engaged primarily in the production of cardboard boxes. The facilities of the Church-sponsored factory are specially designed so that handicapped people can move about freely in wheelchairs, without assistance.

(*Unless otherwise mentioned the material quoted is from World Church News from the Canadian Council of Churches.)*

(NOTE: There will be material in other articles in The Glad Tidings relating to the study material, particularly in the sections "Searchlight on the Mission Overseas" and "Sharing in Canadian Missions.")

W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES 1965

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Theme — THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. Training Centres in the summer of 1965 had as their theme—"The Christian's Calling." This theme was chosen that those who attended might have the opportunity of preparing for the year ahead, when across the Church study groups will consider the theme "Mission: The Christian's Calling."

The morning, afternoon and evening programmes were planned so that in the morning the emphasis was on the response of the individual Christian to the Call to Mission, in the afternoons on the response as leaders and officers, and in the evening, the response by sending representatives in Missions across Canada and other lands.

The mornings were devoted to Bible Study. As requested, those who attended brought various translations of the Bible, Bible Dictionaries and Concordances. The section — "The Nature and Form of the Missionary Calling" in the booklet—"The Congregation—Summoned and Sent" was used as the basis for study, and proved stimulating to thought and discussion.

The first hour following breakfast was given over to preparation on the part of each individual. Then all came together in small groups for study. Discussion was keen and interesting. All shared in leadership—staff and representatives from local Churches, Presbyterials, and Synodicals.

In the afternoons leaders of Children's and Teenage Girls and members and officers of Adult Groups, Presbyterials and Synodicals met with National and Regional Secretaries to consider how the Christian's Calling is answered in her participation in and leadership of local and regional Groups, and to learn of the materials available for use and ways of making effective use of them.

In the evenings, everyone considered how Christians respond to the Call to Mission through their representatives engaged in the Mission in Canada and Overseas. Presentations were made of work for which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is responsible, in Canada and Overseas; questions and discussion periods followed, which helped each one to understand her responsibility better, and to realize the extent of the Mission of every Christian.

The Training Centre in Western Canada was held in the very attractive

Baptist Leadership Training School in Calgary, Alberta, from July 12 to 16. Thirty-one representatives gathered from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba—one came from Nova Scotia and one from Ontario. Counting staff, a total of forty-three participated in the daily programme. In the evenings some visitors were present from the local congregations.

In the Central area, seventy-one of those registered arrived for the Training Centre from July 26 to 30, in the now familiar Albert College, Belleville, Ontario, who, together with staff, made a group of eighty-five participants. We were glad to welcome to this Centre four representatives from the Woman's Missionary Society, E.D.—two from Prince Edward Island and two from New Brunswick.

At both Training Centres keen interest was shown in the displays of books for all age groups and many went home with materials to assist them in the months ahead.

As has always been true, all departments of the Society share in planning for and carrying out the Training Centres. The Directors of National and Overseas Missions, Miss Mary Whale and Miss Giollo Kelly, participated in the programmes at both Training Centres, as did Miss Louise Reith, Director of Organization, and the National Age Group Secretaries—Miss May Nutt, Adult Department; Miss Helen Tetley, Teenage Girls' Department; and Miss Mabel Booth of the Children's Department.

In Calgary the Regional Secretaries, Miss D. Keller, Miss M. Boyd, Miss B. Woodruff, Miss T. Nakamura, from the Synods of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, gave leadership, and, from the National Staff, we were happy to have Miss Iris Ford of the National Mission's Staff serving in the Downtown Mission work in Winnipeg and Miss Merle McGowan of the Overseas Staff in British Guiana contribute to the discussions and presentations.

In Belleville, the Regional Secretaries—Miss Clare Hanes of the Synod of Hamilton and London and Miss Lois Powrie of Toronto and Kingston—gave leadership, and from the National Missions Staff Miss Sheila Stephens of Hamilton Presbytery shared in the presentations and discussions on National work, as well as assisting in the Workshop on Children's Work.

Those who shared in the Belleville Training Centre from the Overseas Staff were: Miss Pauline Brown of India, Miss Dorothy Bulmer of Nigeria, Miss Diana Wadsworth of India, and Mrs. Roger Talbot of Japan. We were happy to have Mrs. Grace Tsai of Formosa, and Miss Comfort Ejere of Nigeria, in Belleville. At Belleville, we appreciated also the presence of Miss Myrtle Rose of the Treasurer's Department, and several members of Council Executive—Mrs. A. S. Curr, President; Miss E. L. McClelland, Treasurer; Miss Olive Grant, Secretary for Evening Groups; and Mrs. W. M. Boyd, President of the Synodical of Montreal and Ottawa. Those attending the Centre appreciated the interest of Dr. James Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, who spent a day at the Centre, and took part in the evening programme.

At both Training Centres, one was impressed with the earnest desire of those who came to learn what the Bible had to say to them in this day. To realize this, one only had to observe people in the first hour after breakfast, in between sessions, and in the late evening, as they prepared for the Bible Study groups and then as they participated in those groups. Equally obvious was the desire to find out how best to lead groups, to perform duties entrusted to them, to use materials, and the real concern for, and interest in, the work in which we share through those whom we send in Mission across Canada and to other lands. Of importance also were the happy times of fellowship at meals, between formal sessions, at tea and coffee breaks, when experiences and problems were shared—and each one helped one.

For staff, the days at Calgary and Belleville were encouraging and inspiring. Many who previously had been just names became real, concerned people—friends with whom we work and share the responsibility and joy of serving Him who calls us to Mission.

The Christmas Service of Worship Announcement

As always, the Christmas Service of Worship will be published in the December issue of "The Glad Tidings." This issue will be in the mail by November 15th, so copies of the Magazine should be in the hands of our subscribers in plenty of time for December Group Meetings, and in ample time for Programme Committees to plan for its use in the December Meeting.

The Service will be prepared, this year, by Mrs. Fred Black, of Don Mills, Toronto, who is the President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. Black has held many Offices in the W.M.S. She is a Past President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of her own Church, Queen East Presbyterian Church, Toronto; a former Presbyterial Recording and Corresponding Secretary for some years; and a Past President of East Toronto Presbyterial.

FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY-AUGUST — 1965

Receipts

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

	1964	1965
British Columbia	$ 5,457.26	$ 7,611.58
Alberta	4,483.79	7,083.73
Saskatchewan	3,546.99	6,143.67
Manitoba	5,336.22	6,234.18
Hamilton and London	47,802.79	54,197,59
Toronto and Kingston	50,594.83	56,641.00
Montreal and Ottawa	26,701.57	29,375.00
	$143,923.45	$167,286.75
Individual Gifts	11,827.32	9,034.36
	$155,750.77	$176,321.11

Disbursements

National Missions	$ 83,680.74
Overseas Missions	96,565.13
Organization	31,928.23
Publications	11,285.25
Administration	19,735.56
Insurance and Taxes	1,845.52
Students	......
Christian Literature	1,162.11
Council Meeting	4,532.29
Grants	10.00
Audio-Visual Education	22.52
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,740.00
Synodical Grants	1,185.94
General Contingency	445.09
	$254,138.38

MISS MATTHEWS

THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

At The
Annual Council Meeting
In Ewart College, Toronto
May 10th-14th, 1965

by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS
Director of Immigration,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

(This is the fourth, and final one, of the series of Worship Services which Miss Frieda E. Matthews conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each morning of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, Toronto, last May. We are deeply indebted to Miss Matthews for her kindness in permitting us to publish these inspirational Services of Worship in our "Glad Tidings", in deference to the request of so many of the delegates who asked that this might be done, so that all our readers could share, with those who heard them in person, in the help and guidance given in these Devotional Periods, and so strongly felt during the days of the Council Meetings. Miss Matthews is now the Director of Immigration for The General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but she was, for many years, a member of the W.M.S. Staff latterly as the Executive Director of National Missions. She is widely known, and warmly remembered throughout our whole Society.)

SERVICE NO. IV

CALL TO WORSHIP —

"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him."

PRAYER — Our loving Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the beginning of a new day, and for the new consciousness of Thine abiding care. As we worship together, we seek a blessing, and we pray that Thou wilt be near unto each one met here in this morning hour. For Christ's sake, Amen.

PSALM 133 —

"Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the heights;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance hath He made."

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Matthew 28: verses 16-20.

PRAYERS —

Let us give thanks — for all the blessings which are our's — especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray — that the Church may be continually renewed, and filled with spiritual power.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray for the Missionaries — as they proclaim the message at home and abroad. Give them courage and strength for the carrying on of Thy work, day by day.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray for young people — that many may be called into Christian service — as Missionaries, overseas and at home — or as witnesses for Thee in secular callings, where they may exert a Christian influence.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray for those who are young in the Christian faith — that they may remain steadfast in their belief in Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray for the impoverished peoples of the world — the refugees — the hungry — that Churches and Agencies, ministering to their needs, may be supported generously.

(Silent Prayer)

Let us pray for our Women's Missionary Society — that we may be always mindful of our Motto — "The World for Christ" — that we may seek the wider horizons, and strive to accomplish the work Thou hast given us to do.

(Silent Prayer)

Eternal Father, who hast promised that Thou wilt be with us wherever we go — witnessing for Thee — we ask that Thou wilt be near unto each delegate, as she returns to her home. May each have been inspired to work more zealously for Thee, that Thy Kingdom may be extended, and Thy Word made known in every part of our own land, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Amen!

MEDITATION — "Go Ye!"

When Jesus appeared unto His Disciples after His resurrection, He gave the command, which is still the marching order for all His followers. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth — Go Ye — therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28: verses 18 and 19.) All Christian service in the world has that command behind it. Christ does not ask His friends, as a favour, to bear witness to Him among men. He claims it, as a duty. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15: verse 4.)

There should be no question as to whether or not we should proclaim the Gospel — in our land, or in lands across the seas. The great command settled it, once and for all. And, as the situation was urgent then, so it is today. This is a day when everyone, who has accepted Christ as Saviour, ought to hear the call to be a living witness to Him in the world, by the very urgency of present conditions.

Think of the glory of the Message we have to proclaim! At the very heart of the Christian message, stands Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour — and the very glory of the Message must constrain our witness. The glory of the Message — that Jesus Christ is Lord!

At the close of a Youth Conference, held some years ago, a challenge was flung to the young people who were going back to their own communities, with a new dream in their minds and hearts. The words of the challenge were — "The trail lies ahead, then follow, ye who dare!"

In our Theme Verse, we have the challenge given to each one of us —

"To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,
O, may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!"

In this day of problems, "We", as one writer has said, "Must never dream in lesser dreams than in the terms of the great commission — 'Go Ye into all the world'."

We are again being commanded to "Go out into all the world" —

Go Out — to the Nations of the world; to their many varied needs.
Go Out — to the hungry peoples of this world.
Go Out — to serve in the Inner Cities.
Go Out — to give friendship to those who are strangers.
Go Out — to new areas, where Churches must be built.
Go Out — to the areas, where some of the older Churches need to be strengthened.
Go Out — to those who know not the name of Jesus Christ.

This should be the clarion call of the Presbyterian women — **"Go ye out"** — not in small thinking — but to seek the wide horizons of God's call. Go ye!

Go ye with thankfulness; in humility, with charity to all, and with courage and faith — with the knowledge that He who has called us to serve in this day, is also sufficient for the tasks ahead.

In one of his books, David Grayson tells of an old stonemason, who conducted him around a village he was visiting. Every now and again, the old man would point to some stonework in dyke or cottage, and say with great satisfaction, "I was at the building of that!" Shall we be able to say at the end of our lives, as we look at that better world which God will have built through dedicated men and women — "I was at the building of that?"

Christ comes to you, and to me, in this final Service of Worship. He comes to each one of us this morning, as He came to Peter, long ago by the Sea of Tiberias, saying "Lovest thou Me?"

Can we say, "Thou knowest that I love Thee!" Then we can be assured that He will say to each of us, as He said to Peter — "Feed my sheep." And we shall go out from this Chapel, this morning, renewed in our faith, with strong courage, with love in our hearts, and with the **will** to seek and to serve the Lord more earnestly.

Christ's sovereign rights have been bought with a price. His kingdom cannot fail, and one day the whole universe of earth and heaven shall acknowledge Him as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

PSALM 21 —

"Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
Ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
Of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
Even that same Lord that great in might
And strong in battle is!"

BENEDICTION —

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SEEKING AND FINDING

"I sought the Lord, and afterward
I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him,
seeking me!
It was not I that found, O Saviour
true,
No —— I was found of Thee!

Thou didst reach out Thy hand and
mine enfold;
I walked, and sank not on the storm
vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I, on Thee,
took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord — on me!

I find, I walk, I love, but Oh, the
whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to
Thee;
For Thou wert long beforehand
with my soul;
Always —— Thou lovest me!"

(Anonymous)

(From the Church Calendar of The Fallston United Presbyterian Church, Fallston, Maryland, U.S.A. Sent to us by Dr. Isabel H. McClinton, one of the Deacons of this lovely little Church and published with grateful appreciation. Editor.)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Fred Fish	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. Walter J. (Euphemia B.) Fletcher	Presbyterian, Melita	Brandon
Mrs. Elizabeth Carkner	Knox, Morrisburg	Brockville
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UNTO THEE!

"All souls are Thine, we must not say
That those are dead who pass away;
From this world of flesh set free
We know them living — unto Thee!"

OUR COVER PICTURE

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH of a young R.C.A.F. Bugler sounding "The Last Post," in the Remembrance Day Service of one of the smaller War Cemeteries in Canada — this one not far from Ottawa. It is typical of what takes place in *all* Canadian War Cemeteries, all over the world — whether they be large or small — when November 11th brings us Remembrance Day, and we pause in reverent memory of those brave Servicemen, and women too — at least some 65,000 Canadians, of all the different Services — who died in Active Service, that we might live, during Canada's sieges of War. Many of their bodies are resting forever in alien soil, but their memories are forever treasured in the hearts that loved them, and in the land for whose peace and freedom they gave their all.

Wherever they may rest, it is very certain that those Canadian plots and War Cemeteries are always lovingly cared-for and venerated, and that the sacrifice they made is not forgotten by their own compatriots, or by the people of the land in which they lie. All are constantly watched-over and supervised by the Imperial War Graves Commission. I have had the privilege of visiting quite a few of them, at different times, and always they have been a quiet little oasis of peace, beautiful with flowering shrubs and trees, and showing every evidence of the loving attention given to them by the good folk who dwell about them, and who consider it an honoured obligation to tend these graves with constant care — these resting places of so many Young and Valiant Ones, who came to their defence and help, in their years of tribulation and need. They do not forget! Their tributes of remembrance are deep and sincere, and they are continued through all the days of the years, as well as on Remembrance Day, on November 11th each year.

One finds them everywhere — these poignant plots which are Canadian War Cemeteries! Just a little way down the Adriatic coast from Venice, that beautiful City of Canals and Gondolas, of historic palaces and picturesque loveliness, there is an area of Italy, which will always have a revered place in Canadian hearts. This is a spot, quite near Ravenna, an important Port of Italy, with a population now of around 80,000 people, where the bodies of 212 Canadian soldiers rest together in a specially-cared-for Cemetery. Nearby, at Brisighella, is the Canadian battlefield, on which, in December, 1944, the Canadians stormed the Adriatic Coast of Italy, just at the foot of the mountains. Little Brisighella is not far from Ravenna. In this well-kept little Canadian War Cemetery, one of several on Italian soil, rest many of the dead from the Perth Regiment; the Irish

Regiment; the R.C.A.; the Princess Louise, and other famous Regiments of Canadian men. Not too long ago, a party of newsmen from Canada, visited Ravenna's Canadian War Cemetery, and placed flowers on all those graves. Oh no, these precious spots will *never* be over-looked or forgotten, and in this one, too, the Bugles will sound piercingly sweet over the white crosses on this November Remembrance Day, and they will find their echo in many a lonely heart at home!

There will ring out, too, the Bugle Song of Remembrance, in the small historic plot which is Toronto's first Military Cemetery, on this Remembrance Day, although there are no white Crosses there, and memory must go a long way back to think of the brave soldiers whose bodies were laid to rest in this small pioneer plot. For many years it has been a part of Victoria Memorial Square. This is an old and little-known Park, except to the children who play there, and the dwellers on the surrounding streets, but, actually, it is one of Toronto's most historic spots. Here stands the War of 1812 Memorial — a fine large monument, erected in honour of the early soldiers of Upper Canada, and honouring, in particular, the important and decisive Battles of 1812. It is surmounted by a bronze statue of a soldier, in the full regimental uniform and regalia of those days, and the inscription on the aging monument reads —

"Dead in the battle, dead in the field,
What, more than his life, can a soldier yield?
His blood has burnished his sabre bright;
To his memory — Honour:
To him — Good Night."

The cornerstone of this interesting and historic old monument, which cost $4,000, even in those days, was laid on July 1st, 1902, when the Army and Navy Veterans of 1844, led by Major Collins, marched to the Square, to the music of the Band of the Queen's Own Regiment, to lay the cornerstone of this Memorial to the memory of the loyal and intrepid soldiers of much earlier days.

Victoria Memorial Square comprises just a little over two acres, and it is very old — so old that for many years the few remaining tombstones stood bleakly against a fence at the west side of the Park. No one has been buried there for many years, but the graves of those early defenders of the Young Canada in the conflict of 1812, are still there, and they, too, are remembered in Remembrance Day each year. During the early years of our history, when this plot was used regularly as a Military Cemetery, a large number of soldiers, doing garrison duty here, were laid to rest, along with their wives and children, in this quiet isolated spot. Lieutenant Zachariah Mudge, Colborne's Private Secretary, was one of those. Now the most clearly legible tombstone reads "Sacred to the memory of John

Edward, infant son of Private J. E. and M. Sharpe. Died August 8, 1813, aged two months."

As the City moved westward, this pioneer little War Cemetery became very much in the way of the City's growth, and soon it was surrounded by big industrial buildings, factories, and burgeoning new streets. It is pretty certain that the last person buried there was a Private William Jewell, in 1862. Eventually, the Burying Ground was abandoned, and the ground was levelled off into a Square. It was then that the few remaining tombstones were placed over on the west side of the Park. But the graves on which they stood are still there, deep beneath the kindly grass; the aura of history still hovers over the small square; the decision has been firmly made that this historic Military Cemetery must be forever preserved, in what is now the heart of a great City. On this Remembrance Day of 1965, let us not fail to remember them too — those valiant Soldiers of a Bygone Age, who helped to preserve for us our Canada as it is today!

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E. Luzetta McClelland,
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Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR — GUIANA STYLE!

by MISS MAY NUTT

Colony-Wide Conference

AS WE DROVE down the sunny road to the church at Better Hope, our hearts were full of expectation and hope mingled with trepidation, for Miss Whale and I were to be guests at the second Colony-Wide Conference of Guiana Presbyterian Women. When we caught sight of the church in the distance we were surprised to see many women in colorful dresses and pretty hats and scarves lined up on the steps—for it was an hour and a half before the day-long conference would actually begin. As we chatted with those in the church or on the grounds, we found women from all parts of the country—some members of women's groups and some not—but all eager to participate in a fellowship which would include women across their country who were concerned with growing in the faith and helping others know Christ. (You will remember from Miss Ramsay's article in April Glad Tidings, of the significance of this Colony-Wide Conference and the Seminar in the life of the Guianese Church at this time.)

The simplicity and challenge of the opening Worship set the stage for the sessions which followed, in which delegates to the conference sought to assess the work of women in the Church as we interviewed a number of women who were members of local congregations. Following this, the conference was divided into discussion groups which helped the delegates to seek ways in which women could witness effectively in their every-day living and in their church groups.

As Miss Ramsay states in her description of the conference, "During the afternoon session, a very important decision was made when the Constitution for a Colony-Wide Organization was discussed and adopted for a trial period of three years . . . In accepting the Constitution the women agreed to work within the plans of the Guiana Presbytery." An Executive was elected which included one representative from each of the three county organizations, as well as a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

At the final session of the conference, following a very appropriate Worship Service led by Mr. MacDonald, Director of Guiana Presbytery, Lay Training programme, and an anthem by the women of Better Hope, Miss Whale and I, in an informal dialogue, spoke of the different ways

Christians witness in an effort to help the members of the conference become even more conscious of the responsibilities involved in being part of the "people of God."

As a participant in this exciting conference, I personally, was impressed with the sound planning of the committee (made up of Executive members, deaconesses, and Missionaries), the leadership and questions arranged for the discussion groups, as well as the fine way in which the members of the Ephriam Scott Memorial congregation and the staff at St. Columba House provided for the physical needs of the delegates—a hall which will be used for Church School was erected for the conference and served as a dining room for the over 200 delegates. Perhaps most of all, though, I was impressed with the openness of the women—their eagerness and their willing participation in discussion and report-back sessions, all of which definitely provided a background for the seminar which followed.

Seminar

On the two days following the conference, country and colony-wide Executive members, Ministers' wives, Deaconesses, Student Deaconesses and Missionaries met together in workshop sessions in an effort to discover the type of programmes suitable for use in women's groups in the Guiana Presbyterian Church. We began each of the two days by studying portions of Ephesians under the leadership of Mr. MacDonald.

Because I was new to the situation in British Guiana, if we were to set down any concrete ideas it was necessary first for me to find out where the women were in terms of programming. This step probably helped the Guianese women to look more objectively at what they were doing and why, and what they *wanted* to do and why.

In one discussion about the ways of enlarging group membership and sustaining interest in groups, much probing was done by the seminar members as to the reason for bringing new members to the groups, and a concern was voiced that we be aware of the individual needs of those who come to the groups. In the light of discussions like this the group went on to consider the problems of leadership, including a discussion of the duties of officers, and Worship, Bible study and Music, as they relate to programming. In groups of three or four, the members of the seminar tried to plan a programme for one day on one of the themes mentioned above. As these outlines were discussed the group began to see the complex problems they would face in writing programmes.

Out of this came suggested subjects for programmes for a three-month period including, as well as those mentioned above, evangelism through cottage meetings; understanding and meeting the needs of the local congregation and the needs of the community.

Much remains to be done! Not only in meeting the needs of the local groups in programme resources but also in helping the Executive as they seek to prepare, promote and evaluate programmes. We hope these meetings will have made the Guianese women aware of the concern of our Societies—Eastern Division and Western Division—as they seek to establish new patterns in women's work, and their willingness to help them in these areas if they wish and ask for such assistance.

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STAFF NEWS

Miss Athalie Read has arrived in Canada. She has completed one term of service in British Guiana. Many in Canada will remember Miss Read as a deaconess of our church who has served as a Regional Secretary and also as a Presbytery Deaconess. During her three years in British Guiana Miss Read has served in Christian Education with women's groups particularly. Her work has been done throughout the whole country but she has concentrated her services on the Essequibo Coast where she has lived. Miss Read's home is in Brockville, Ontario.

Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T. has been in Canada for a few months on sick leave from her work in Nigeria. After surgery in that country it was advisable for her to come to Canada for further medical treatment. She has undergone further surgery in Toronto. We are happy to be able to say that by the time you read this she will undoubtedly be back at her work in Nigeria.

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GREY LACE

Under the storm-swept violet sky
The old trees bend, and they swing and sigh,
As the last little leaves go fluttering by.
The harlequin leaves so pied and gay,
The wind is blowing them all away—
They will soon be as lost as yesterday.
"Summer is over—beauty is gone
The blue days went with the last bird song,"
So mourn the old trees, deep-rooted and strong.
They do not dream of the beauty they hold—
With their grey lace etched on sunsets of gold!

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FRENCH WORK IN CANADA

by DR. JEAN CRUVELLIER

St. Marc's Presbyterian Church, Quebec City

IT IS FOR ME A privilege and a great joy to write in this magazine for the first time, and I thank you for your kindness. Two years ago, after thirty years of ministry in the south of France in Reformed Evangelical churches, through different circumstances, we were led, my wife and myself, to open a new chapter of our life—Canada! Let me sum up our impressions after these two years: we are so happy here in your country that after the first six months I asked my inscription on the roll of the ministers of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we thank God for being here in His service.

The readers of this magazine are aware of the French work done in Canada by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and I know that the members of the W.M.S. have been interested in this work and have shown their interest in many practical ways. Let me again, on behalf of the staff in French work, tell you how grateful we are for your prayers and gifts.

Our French work, first of all, is among the people coming from France or, in general terms, from the French-speaking countries of Europe, such as Switzerland or Belgium. The number of people coming from these countries is very important, chiefly in Montreal and in Quebec City, where they find more possibilities for living than in the country. You will know of the wonderful work done in Montreal by Dr. André Poulain. The development of St. Luc's Church in Montreal has been so great that a young assistant minister (who happens to be my son, ordained there last May) has been appointed for Christian Education work.

There is another French Presbyterian Church in the Eastern Townships, at Richmond. The minister is a French minister whose son is a professor in Montreal University, the Rev. Canepeel. God's work is done there, but of course the possibilities of extension are limited, as Richmond or Melbourne are not large towns.

Finally there is the French work in Quebec City, in which I am engaged. A little more than ten years ago this work was started and a group of about forty families constitute the nucleus of St. Marc's Church. French work is carried on here by the Baptist, Adventist and Pentecostal French Churches, as well as an assembly of the Brethren and a chapel of the Christian and

Missionary Alliance. Although the relationship between these congregations is of a brotherly nature, you may understand the importance of a Presbyterian French Church when you think that most of the Protestants coming from Europe are Presbyterian, and are eager to find in Canada the same form of worship as in their homeland.

In this work among people coming from Europe there are special difficulties. It is very difficult to create a community with these people who come from different origins and who do not know one another. Another difficulty for the young people is the question of schools. With the confessional system they are obliged, if they want to keep the Protestant Faith, to attend the English schools, and more and more they are being "anglicized." I know quite well that, for the Kingdom of God, this is not a loss; but I just want to explain to you that it is one of the worst obstacles to the French work and the reason why so many French Protestant families and French Protestant congregations have been lost to the French work after one or two generations.

I must add that this question of schools and language is a very important one in Quebec City, where there are not enough French Protestant families to open French Protestant schools as in Montreal where (chiefly through the great activity of Dr. Poulain) more than 1,400 children now have the opportunity of attending a French Protestant school. You may understand still better the importance of this situation if you know that in the thinking of French-Canadian people of Quebec City, Protestant must be only English and Roman Catholics only French; to be, at the same time, French and Protestant is something abnormal, and almost impossible for them to grasp.

You will understand the situation still better if you know that the French Presbyterian congregation in Quebec City has no "home." The services are held in the English-speaking church, St. Andrew's. I do not need to tell you how grateful we are to our English-speaking brothers and sisters of St. Andrew's Church, who give us hospitality in the oldest Presbyterian Church in Canada. But, of course, we are obliged to have our services very early in the morning, at 9:30, and we are obliged to finish at 10:30 promptly, and have no possibility of having enough time after the service for people to meet and to become better acquainted. In spite of all these difficulties we have had some encouragements in the work, and the attendance has increased to an average of twenty every Sunday. We think that with a chapel of its own, St. Marc's Church could know a better community life. As a first subject of prayer, we ask you to think of this need of premises for our congregation. It is a very important matter.

But I have still something important to tell you about the French work;

something which is not always known among English-speaking Protestants of Canada, and surely not sufficiently kept in the minds and prayers of the members of our Presbyterian Church in Canada. French work has, in this country, a unique importance, because it is not only the work among French-speaking people coming from Europe, as I have said; it is more than that. We must not think of the French work as we think of the Hungarian, Italian and Chinese work. These brothers when they accomplish their wonderful work, try to reach other Hungarians, Italians or Chinese. In French work, when we try to reach other French-speaking people, you will realize how important it is because our work will not be only among "New Canadians" who come from Europe and other French-speaking countries, but it has the potential of reaching many hundreds of "older" Canadians who are French-speaking. As a consequence, we must consider French work as a Canadian missionary work, and give it a true priority, because it is only through our French work that we may try to dissipate these old errors of thinking that it is compulsory to be a Roman Catholic if you are French-speaking.

Some of you may be inclined to ask, "Why do you speak of missionary work when the spirit of ecumenism is more and more stressed in the religious world? If French-speaking Canadians are happy being Roman Catholics, why should we try to reach them? Is it right to trouble the peaceful atmosphere between the two confessions of Canada, Protestant for the English, Roman Catholic for the French? Is not the Vatican Council opening new hopes for a reformed Roman Catholic Church?"

All of these objections (and others) could be made—but let me give you plainly my testimony after two years in our most important Canadian French and Roman Catholic City. I am convinced that in these days of ecumenism, we have to make our message more and more clearly known—the message of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, the only Head of the Church. My experience is this: many sincere Roman Catholic believers are eager to know what we believe, because they have been kept in total ignorance until now, and they want to be "adults" and to examine our faith. Apart from these sincere believers of the Church of Rome, many people are more and more inclined to abandon the traditional faith of their French fathers. And where are these people turning? Most of them to atheism.

Will you not feel your responsibility towards hundreds and thousands of French Canadians who are tempted by atheism? Will you think of the French work, not only in terms of maintaining Sunday services and church life for French-speaking people coming from Europe, but also as a missionary work among many of your own countrymen? I am convinced that too often French work has been done in Canada on a negative, anti-Catholic basis, and it is not on such a basis that you will build a true church.

I dream often of a modest chapel for the French Presbyterian Church in Quebec City where sincere Roman Catholics could be informed about our faith in an easier way than in St. Andrew's English Church, and where doubters and people tempted by atheism could find in our Reformed Faith the faith for which they are looking. I lay upon your hearts my vision of our French work, and I ask you to see if you can help in the realization of it.

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NATIONAL STAFF NEWS

It was with sincere regret that we accepted the resignations of **Miss Florence Goertzen** and **Miss Marion Moore,** both effective August 31st last. Miss Goertzen served on our National Staff for twelve years, while Miss Moore was with us for just over a year and a half. We appreciate very much their contribution to the work and pray for them God's blessing in their new areas of endeavour.

Miss Margaret Near took up her duties again in the Chinese Church, Toronto, in mid-August, following her study furlough in Hong Kong.

Miss Dorothy Lukes began her study furlough in September. She is enrolled in the School of Social Work in Montreal.

Several members of our National Staff were hospitalized during the summer months. We are thankful to God for the good recovery following surgery made by **Misses Winnifred Riply, Catherine Watson and Ruth Yeandle.**

Members of the Society will be delighted to learn of the two successful operations for cataracts which **Miss Grace Lee** has undergone in recent months. Miss Lee retired from our National Staff at the end of February last following thirty-four years of service among the Chinese people in Victoria.

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"The value of true friends
Cannot be measured on a chart.
No scale on earth can weigh their
worth
Except the human heart!"
(Selected)

Your Prayers are asked

—That we may all give thanks for the sincere and devoted witness of Miss Vera Carson who has served as Secretary in the National Department until her time of retirement. May our prayers be that Miss Carson will enjoy many years of rest and relaxation, knowing that she has been ever faithful in the Missionary service rendered to the W.M.S.

—For our Missionaries who are serving with the Chinese in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal. Let us pray that their greatest joy and encouragement may come as they see more and more children, and youth, coming to know Jesus Christ, because of their labours.

—For all who plan for study groups on "Mission—the Christian's Calling" that each one participating may gain a clearer understanding of his or her mission.

—For all who strive, throughout these days, to find out what it means to be a Christian and be guided in fulfilling the call to Mission.

—Pray that, in these days of warfare in so many parts of the world, the Christian Gospel of love and peace may be so proclaimed that wars may cease; pray for our missionaries in all parts of the world, remembering the stress that they are under, particularly in these days.

—Pray for the Church in British Guiana. Let us remember particularly, at this time, the women in the Guiana Church who are endeavouring to strengthen their organization, so that it may play an effective part in the whole Church; remember the Leaders, Missionaries and Guianese Deaconesses and Ministers.

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LIFE!

Life is a gift to be used every day,
Not to be smothered and hidden away;
It isn't a thing to be stored in a chest
Where you gather your keepsakes and treasure your best;
It isn't a joy to be sipped now and then
And promptly put back in a dark place again.
Life is a gift that the humblest may boast of,
And one that the humblest may well make the most of.
Get out and live in each hour of the day;
Wear it and use it as much as you may;
Don't keep it in niches and corners and grooves,
You'll find that in service its beauty improves. (Selected)

Books you'll like!

Review by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

SAY 'YES' TO LIFE!

By Anna Mow

One could not more earnestly recommend this good book, than to tell you that its introduction is written by Eugenie Price, whose own books are really pre-eminent in the field of Christian writing, and whose Christian life and leadership has been an inspiration to thousands, through the wise ministry of her many books. Dr. Anna Mow is her "beloved friend," who, as she testifies, "more than anyone else, is responsible for having shown me the altogether important difference between *static* and *dynamic* Christianity." Dr. Mow, through her teaching, counselling, and speaking, through the years, has done just that for hundreds of seeking hearts; now, through this, her first book, she will reach a much wider audience with her helpful guidance, and wise explanations of life, its problems and decisions.

In her preface, she explains—"It isn't 'pie in the sky' that we want; it is ability to meet our daily problems. We need discernment, to know what is of life, and what is of death, in this strange, mixed-up world. We need the power to be new people, and to grow better every day. When we say 'Yes' to life, then the miracle will begin." This 152-page volume is divided into four sections—Part I—Life Begins; Part II—Life Matures; Part III—Life Threatened; Part IV—Life Nurtured. Within these Parts, there are 18 Chapters, each one of which I found to be, not only filled with intense interest, but also with invaluable wisdom and help in "that continuous growing, which seems to be the greatest problem sincere Christians have."

Price—Paper, $2.15

PSALMS AND PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN

By Wilma L. Shaffer

Either for personal reading, or for programme planning, this well-prepared Devotional Book would be a very worth-while possession—and it would also make a splendid gift at Christmas-time. In its fourteen Chapters is presented "A Psalm for Every Mood," and a practical Programme is outlined which can be adapted to any Programme need. Scripture Readings, related to all Chapter Themes, from Chapter II to Chapter XIV are given; Prayers suitable to use with all these Themes are found on pages 126 to 128, at the close of the book. Within the Psalms, with their beautiful poetic phrasing, is to be found the universal hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, and yearnings of all human lives. They speak to all hearts, as clearly and wisely now as they have been doing for generations. This Book of Devotions is filled with their wisdom and help. Price $2.00

THE ROAD ACROSS CANADA

By Edward McCourt

The actual "road across Canada" remained more-or-less of a dream for more years than one cares to count, but it eventually did become an accomplished fact, when, on September 3, 1962, the Trans Canada Highway, at a ceremony at Rogers Pass, in the heart of the British Columbia Rockies, was declared officially open, by the Hon. John Diefenbaker, as he performed the traditional ribbon-cutting rite. In the summer of 1963, Edward McCourt, the Author of this book, with his wife, travelled over the whole length of this remarkable and romantic Highway, all the way from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, British Columbia. A Canadian novelist and a teacher of English at the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. McCourt has written an excellent book about the trip, which is full of interesting experiences, historical references, and all most entertainingly presented.

All along the way, the McCourts took plenty of time to observe and enjoy the highlights of each Province, even if they did have to explore off the Highway from time to time. Thus, they visited the Huron Village, near Midland, a fine reproduction of the original village on that site; saw the beautiful Kakabeka Falls and Picnic Area, a few miles out of Fort William; visited the lovely Qu'Appelle Valley, north of Indian Head; the Delta Wild Life Station, just a brief drive from Portage la Prairie; the less-often-visited Kananaskis Forest Reserve, just off the Calgary-Banff part of the Highway. This couple really *saw* Canada from ocean to ocean, and all the beauty and interest in between, and Mr. McCourt certainly knows how to tell it well. He makes his readers wish that they, too, could trip along "The Road Across Canada," even as he has done! Price—$4.95

PLACE OF QUIET WATERS

By Margaret McIntyre

I think, perhaps, it was the Title of this Book, which first made me want to read it! I soon found out, however, that lovely as is the music of that Title, there is much, much more to this delightful book than just its Title. The "Quiet Waters" are those surrounding a beautiful Island, off the

British Columbia Coast, and the fascinating true story is told by one of the two Vancouver "career women," who, knowing nothing whatever about how to live and look after themselves, under such "on-their-own" conditions, blithely bought themselves some land on this sequestered Island, and proceeded to set up a home there. The Author's previous experience was that of a music teacher, who had been born and brought up in England; the book does not divulge the background of Jerry, the other partner. They had long been friends and room-mates, however; both women were somewhere in the vicinity of forty; and somehow, despite all kinds of obstacles, they had a grand time in this new life, regardless of their tremendous inexperience. Completely interesting from cover to cover, this is a thoroughly enjoyable book—always amusing and sometimes hilarious, yet full of good old-fashioned "spunk," good humoured determination, and adventure of many kinds. Price—$5.00

CHRISTMAS VISION
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS
By Patience Strong

These are all very beautiful little books, as indeed are all of the small and popular Patience Strong publications. Compact enough to fit into any purse or pocket, and light enough for even the most weak or weary hand to hold—approximately 5x4 inches—each one contains 31 pages, and the books are beautifully illustrated. Each prose-poem page is faced with a good full-sized photograph, which in itself is lovely to possess. The outer covers are full-coloured reproductions. They are perfect to take along when visiting sick or housebound folk, or as small gifts at any time. These just mentioned are especially meant for Christmas-tide, but all the other Patience Strong books are equally attractive and worthwhile—"Paths of Providence; The Joy of Life; Brighter Horizons; Reflections; Happy Hours; Peaceful Days; Through Magic Casements; Blessed Are They; The Quiet Way." All are the same Price—30 cents.

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Restless, oft I borrow
From the future care.
Teach me that to-morrow
Shall its burden bear.

Let me to my brothers
Turn a face serene,
Sharing thus with others
Peace from the Unseen.

(Selected)

IS IT WRONG TO DOUBT?

by ROBERT O. BROWNE

"MR. KENDALL, I just can't believe all that jazz they teach in church school!"

That was the way the conversation began, in the Kendall living room one afternoon. It was Walt, an eighth grader, speaking. He, Betty, Emmett, and Bob had stopped by to speak with the Senior High School Science Teacher, whom they had sought out once before to help them with some Biblical questions. Besides being a popular teacher of Science in the High School, Mr. Kendall taught the Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings.

"What I mean is," Walt went on, "sometimes some of it makes sense, and sometimes other parts of it make sense, but it hardly ever makes sense all at once!"

"I guess it's the same with all of us," Emmett added. "And also there are times when we are more believing than at others. Sometimes, for instance, I'm positive that everything I've been taught is true. But a couple days later, some of the guys start talking against Christianity, and it is suddenly very hard to believe any of it."

There was silence as the young people awaited the answer to their problem. But the lanky teacher did not speak. Instead, he put one of his legs over the arm of his chair and looked at his guests.

"So what's the answer?" asked Betty.

"To what?"

"To our problem!"

"You haven't stated one."

Walt was exasperated. "Like, what do you mean we haven't stated a problem?"

Mr. Kendall smiled. "Please excuse me, but I couldn't help teasing you just a little. Of course I know what your problem is. You are worried because you think you doubt too much. Perhaps you are even afraid that you may not be good Christians, because of these doubts. But, actually, your only real problem is your failure to see that it is good to engage in some doubting. Christianity is the only religion I know of, in which you are encouraged to doubt."

"Huh?" Bob doubted.

"Sure!" Mr. Kendall went on. "One of our greatest modern Christians has called this 'the Protestant principle.' This, you see, is the way in which our faith becomes more mature and more strong. It is especially important to doubt, at your age, for you are beginning the process of changing from a child to an adult. You are growing in many ways:—physically, mentally, emotionally. You must also grow spiritually. By this, I mean that many of your childhood ideas about the Christian faith have been strictly childish. Your adult ideas must be adult. There is nothing wrong with childish ideas, you understand, so long as they are the ideas of children.

Now, how do you suppose you can get rid of those childish ideas, unless you doubt the various ideas you hold, and examine them carefully? Only then will you know which makes sense at this new stage of your life, which do not, and which need to be understood in a different and more mature manner. You will not want to throw away everything you have believed without question, as though now it will be no longer of any value to you. You will find, as you doubt, a lot that has great meaning for you and which you will wish to hold onto with a new and more mature understanding."

"Boy, what a switch this is!" Walt said. "Where did we get the idea that we're not supposed to doubt? A lot of kids think that."

"Walt, I don't suppose anyone ever told you, in so many words, that you shouldn't doubt. But you learn from the example of adults, and many adults are not mature enough, or secure enough, to admit their doubts even to themselves. If only they were aware of the fact that this is part of a growing and strengthening process, they would no longer be afraid to acknowledge their religious questions. Actually, if a person had no doubts at all, he would be in pretty bad shape, for this would mean that he had stopped growing."

"Do you mean that you have religious doubts?" Emmett asked.

"Why certainly! I have had them ever since I began to think for myself, and I hope that I always shall. Let me give you just one example of how doubting helped me to achieve a more mature faith.

When I was about your age I began to doubt the accuracy of some of the things in the Bible. Until that time, I had been afraid to doubt even a word of the Scripture. The Book didn't make any sense to me, but I could not bring myself to doubt it, so I just didn't read it. But when I finally dared to doubt it, I gradually gained a deeper understanding of the nature, and the meaning, of the Bible. I saw it as a Book through which God could speak to me, even though the men who did the writing were normal human beings and, therefore, made errors. Even since then the Bible has made sense to me, and has been an important part of my life. If I had not doubted, I guess the Bible would still be a lot of nonsense to me."

Bob protested:—"But most people, who are convinced that some idea is true, don't want it messed around with. How can a Christian be so ready to doubt?"

Mr. Kendall thought a moment. "Let's put it this way:—We're not afraid of doubt and questioning, because we believe in the strength of truth, and we know that if something is really true it can withstand any challenge thrown against it. After all, we say in some of our prayers that all truth comes from God; and Jesus said that He was truth. If any idea can't stand the questioning of mere men, then it is not truth and needs to be exposed as falsehood.

We five are but a handful among the millions of persons who for almost 2,000 years have doubted. God has withstood that doubting. And what is more, he has supported the doubters in their weakness too, for he cares enough to love us, even as we doubt."

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THE SIMPLE THINGS

by MARJORIE CUNNINGHAM

How oft we miss the joy that springs
From doing just the simple, kindly things!
An old friend's heart with Springtime pleasure fills,
That wintry day you send her daffodils;
Think of those miles you travel up and down
Along the winding streets of your home-town—
Perhaps old eyes are wistful, watching from afar,
And longing for a jaunt in that old car!
Must we do **big** things, for favour in His sight?
Ah, no! Remember how He praised the window's mite!

Boys and Girls!

TO WALK AGAIN

"MOTHER," said Champa, "is this the day the Nurses come?"

"Let me think," said her mother. "Yesterday was market day in Durgaon. Tomorrow it is market day in Aliajpur. Yes, this is the day. They always come on the day between."

Champa rested on her bed, in the corner of their one-room house. She had spent many hours in bed since she fell and broke her leg. She remembered now that her mother had first called the witch doctor. He had said he would help her, but her leg got worse and worse. It seemed as if she would never run and play with her friends again.

Then one day her father came in from the village. He was smiling. Champa's mother looked at him in surprise. She had not seen him smile since Champa broke her leg.

"You look happy today," she said.

"I have good news for Champa," said her father. "This is Miss Sahib from the Christian Hospital, at Jobat. She told me the Doctors can make Champa walk. Many people have gone there to be cured."

"Do you think they can cure Champa?" said her mother slowly. "Her leg looks so swollen and sore."

"Yes," said Miss Sahib, "the Doctor has been able to help other little girls."

"But I don't want Champa to go so far from home. She might be lonesome!"

"No, I wouldn't, mother! I want to go if they can make me walk again. I won't cry. I promise you, I won't. Do let me go, mother," begged Champa.

Champa remembered how happy she was when her mother consented to let her go to the Hospital in the next village. Her mother began to plan for the long trip to the village that night.

"You must get the ox cart ready," Champa's mother told her father. "We shall put plenty of straw on the bottom of the cart, so Champa will have an easier ride. Are you sure you are doing the right thing to take Champa so far away?" said her mother anxiously.

"Don't be afraid," Champa told her mother. "I have seen the Miss Sahib, when she came to our village. She always smiles at me, when I peek around the tree at her."

Early the next morning Champa's father had put the small harness on the oxen. Carefully he placed lots of straw on the bottom of the cart. Her sister prepared the corn meal and oil and spices, for their food at the Hospital. Champa heard her father say to himself. "I hope the Miss Sahib is right! If only they can make Champa walk. I shall be very happy." Champa could still feel her father carefully picking her up in his arms. She could see again the sad look on her mother's face, and that she had called to her mother, "I'll be all right, I feel sure they will help me to walk!"

Soon they were out of sight of the house. Champa could remember, as if it were yesterday, that bumpy road. With every bump her leg felt more painful than ever. She felt as if they would never get to the Hospital. Her sister tried to ease the pain by helping Champa to move to a different position. Then her father had called cheerfully. "I can see the Hospital now. It won't be long until we are there."

Then she knew her father had brought the oxen to a halt. She felt strong arms around her. She could only see that the man who was carrying her had on a white suit. It wasn't long until she was in a clean soft bed.

After a few days a Nurse and Doctor got her ready for an operation on her broken leg. One long day had followed another. A Doctor operated on her leg. The Nurses took care of her, but it seemed such a long time before Champa was allowed to go home. Even now although her leg was better she could not walk.

Today she waited for the Nurses to come to her village. The hours went by slowly. "Would they never come?" thought Champa. Then she heard the peep-peep of the horn of the Nurses' car. Champa could see the goats and oxen scampering in every direction, so she knew they were near at hand.

"They're here!" she called excitedly to her mother. "Please help me to the door. I know the Nurses will be looking for me."

The sick people came hurrying down the road from near and far. The Nurses got out their bandages and salves. There was a big crowd around the car. Champa watched from the doorway. "Won't they ever be through, mother?" said Champa.

"Your turn will come," said her mother. She thought back on the day she had wanted to keep Champa at home. "Thank you, God, that her father took her to the Hospital," she whispered.

Champa could see that now the people were sitting down on the grass. The Nurse began to sing. "I know that song," called Champa to her mother. "We used to sing that in the Hospital." Then all was quiet. Champa could see that the Nurse was talking, but she could not hear a word she was saying. "She's telling them a story from the Bible. I wonder which one it is?" Champa began to think of the stories she had heard. "I liked the story of how Jesus made the lame man walk. It makes me feel that one day I shall walk again too."

"Here's the Nurse coming now," said her mother. "See if you can walk to meet her today? I know that would make her very happy."

Champa tried to raise herself from the ground. She was able to get on her knees. She began to crawl toward the Nurse.

"Good girl," called the Nurse. "You couldn't do that when you left the Jobat Hospital!"

"Do you think I shall ever be able to walk like the man in the Bible story?" said Champa.

"Oh, yes," said the Nurse stooping down beside Champa. "If you keep trying, soon you will walk. And look what we brought you! Pastor Musa sent this to you from Mildred."

Champa could hardly believe it was true. There had been books in the hospital, but to have one of her very own! Champa could not read the words, but she could read the many pictures.

"I can read it," she said excitedly to her mother. "Now I'll be able to tell the stories to you and father, and all the others in the village."

Week after week the Nurses came to the village. Champa got stronger and stronger. Before long she was able to walk to the big tree, where the Mobile Clinic stood in the village.

"It is time you went to school," said the Nurse one day. "You should learn to read the words, and not the pictures only." "Do you think my mother would let me go to school?" said Champa with a smile.

"I think so," said Miss Sahib, "I'll ask her."

It was a happy day for Champa when her parents promised to send her to school. "Soon I'll be able to read the stories to all the people in the village," she said.

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THE FACE OF A CHILD!

A little pool that ruffles to the winds;
An open door, where each one entry finds;
That every year Life shuts a little more;
A stringed harp, to answer song or hymn,
So is a child's face, responsive to every whim.

(Author Unknown)

"Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

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O God, our heavenly Father, Whose gift is length of days, help us to make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years. According to our strength, apportion Thou our work. As Thou hast pardoned our transgressions, sift the ingatherings of our memory, that evil may grow dim, and good may shine forth clearly. We bless Thee for Thy gifts, and especially for Thy presence, and the love of friends in heaven and earth.

Grant us new ties of friendship, new opportunities of service, joy in the happiness and growth of children, sympathy with those who bear the burdens of the world, clear thought and quiet faith. Teach us to bear infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep us from narrow pride in outgrown ways; blind eyes that will not see the good of change; impatient judgements of the methods and experiments of others. Let Thy peace rule our spirits through all the trial of our waning years. Take from us all fear of death, all despair, or undue love of life, that, with glad hearts at rest in Thee, we may await Thy will concerning us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Author Unknown)

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The June Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver*, was a Special Meeting, when the Home Helpers Group were honoured guests. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. W. G. Gartshore, and the Soloist was Mrs. L. H. Harrison. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. H. Dunlop, in memory of the late Mrs. Robert Lindsay, for many years a devoted member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church. President, Mrs. R. G. Ellis made the Presentation on behalf of the Auxiliary. Miss Lorraine Uberig, Student Deaconess at Ewart College, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and gave a most interesting illustrated Address on "Life In The Ewart Training Home," and "My Experiences In Northern Ontario Last Summer." Refreshments were served by Mrs. O. R. Hannah, Social Convener, and her Committee, and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

Due to the inclement weather, the Annual August picnic of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* was held in the Church Hall, when some 30 members sat down to a delicious Luncheon, followed by a short Meeting, at which President, Mrs. Ivan Le Huguet presided. Mrs. Howard Hepburn read a Paper on the retirement of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James Dickson of Formosa, and the Financial Report and Minutes were received. Led by Mrs. A. H. Matheson, games were then enjoyed for a period. A presentation of a handsome travelling bag was made to Mrs. Le Huguet, who early in September left Vancouver to take up residence in Toronto. Mrs. William Bitcon made the presentation on behalf of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Le Huguet, who was also President of British Columbia Synodical, will be greatly missed from W.M.S. work in B. C., as well as by her own Church and friends, and her fine Christian leadership will not be easy to replace. Among the guests in this happy occasion was one lady from *Australia,* and another lady from *Ireland*.

Members of First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, and especially of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, have lost a dedicated and faithful worker, and a loyal friend, in the recent death of Mrs. J. E. (Alice) McKenzie, who has been a resident of New Westminster since 1909, and has held many Offices, both in her Church, and Community, and in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) throughout the years. Born in Ireland, Mrs. McKenzie came to *Grand Falls, Montana,* where she married, and later came to Canada. Joining St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, where her husband later served as Elder and Clerk of Session, she took an active part in all Organizations of the Church, from Cradle Roll to W.M.S. Auxiliary, of which she was President from 1929 to 1946. Following 1925, Mrs. McKenzie, for twenty years, was Home Helpers Secretary on B. C. Provincial.

The first C.G.I.T. Group in *New Westminster* was formed under her leadership, and for some years she was also Secretary of the Mission Band. On many occasions, she was a Delegate to Annual Council Meetings, and she received her Life Membership Certificate and gold Pin in 1926. This gracious and helpful Christian lady is lovingly remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her, in her Church, and in her Community, of which she was so vital a part. Sympathy is extended to her relatives and her many friends.

SASKATCHEWAN

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SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Theme of the Social Evening, held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* was "The Jubilee of the Province of Saskatchewan," and Miss Agnes Hislop of the *Bhil Field, India*, was the Special Guest. A gift was presented to Miss Hislop, and the Rev. L. S. Van Mossel, B.A., Minister of this Church, expressed the pleasure of the congregation in having Miss Hislop worshipping with them during her furlough from her Missionary work in *India.* During the evening a "Fashion Show of Sixty Years Ago," and a Display of household utensils used at that time, was a real highlight. Emphasizing the importance of Family Worship in the lives of the early settlers, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gilroy, with their sons, David and Gregory, conducted the Devotional as a Family Worship Service. Lunch was served by the men of the congregation, wearing pioneer costumes.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of St. Andrew's, Calvin, Goforth and Parkview Presbyterian Churches, *Saskatoon,* held their joint Mother-and-Daughter Banquet in Calvin Presbyterian Church. Miss Susan Harrison of the Calvin C.G.I.T. Group, welcomed guests, and the "Tribute to the Church" was given by Miss Sandra Sinclair, of Goforth Church. Miss Debbie Gunther, of Calvin C.G.I.T. Group, gave the "Tribute to Our Mothers." The "Tribute to the Girls," was given by Mrs. J. A. Walton, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A piano and violin duet was given by Miss Margaret Van Mossel, and Miss Jeanine Holmgren, both of

Parkview C.G.I.T. Group. Speaking of the importance of Camp to Teen-Age Girls, Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Presbytery Deaconess, showed interesting pictures of Camp Christopher. The Worship Service was conducted by the Misses Ann Campbell, of Parkview C.G.I.T., and Janet Rigley, a member of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. Group. Miss B. Edwards, Treasurer of Saskatoon Presbyterial represented the Presbyterial, and three of the C.G.I.T. Groups, not previously affiliated with the W.M.S., did so at this Mother-and-Daughter Banquet.

At their closing Meeting, the Explorer Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* had as Special Guests Miss Georgina Bone, and her nephew, Master Philip Bone, who returns soon to *India* with his parents. Miss Bone showed pictures of *India* and the *Holy Land,* and Philip told of his life in an *Indian* Boarding School. A Pulpit Hymn Book was presented to the congregation by the Explorer Group, whose Leader is Mrs. V. Harper, and this was received by the minister, the Rev. L. S. Van Mossel, B.A. Awards were presented to Miss Grace McMillan, for perfect attendance at Explorers, Church, and Church School; to Misses Laurie Tragaskis and Brenda Clarke for perfect attendance at Explorers; and to Miss Sheila Haatvedt, for her essay on "Stewardship." Miss Grace McMillan and Miss Brenda Clarke were graduated from the Explorer's Group, and welcomed into the C.G.I.T. Group at this Meeting.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. H. Henry, the Synodical Delegate to the Annual Council Meetings at Ewart College, last May, was the Guest Speaker, when this Presbyterial held an Open Meeting in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* to hear the Report of those important Meetings. A Social Hour followed the Meeting, convened by Mrs. J. G. Pellar, and Mrs. Harry Rimmer.

The Pot Luck Luncheon, held by the Women's Fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was called "A Spring Symphony of Salads," and featured the favourite salads of those attending, as well as a Home Bake Table, available after the Luncheon. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. William Halstead, of the Mount Royal College Faculty, spoke on "Being a Real Woman." Seated at Head Table were Mrs. S. G. Pearson, president of the Women's Fellowship; Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Richards; Mrs. Murdo Nicolson; Mrs. Ralph MacDonald; and Mrs. Ian Douglas. Decorations followed the theme of a May Day Festival, supervised by Mrs. K. W. Gilmore and Mrs. K. A. Pritchard. The General Convener was Mrs. Theodore Rozsa, assisted by Mrs.

John Tovari and Mrs. H. M. Carlyle.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The June Meeting of this Presbyterial took place at *Chauvin.* This is always a once-a-year effort, with the aim of keeping in closer contact with neighbouring W.M.S. Groups. A chartered bus carried 25 Edmonton women for this day-long adventure; other women arrived in cars from *Galahad, Killam, Lloydminster,* and *Wainwright. Chauvin* members proved perfect hostesses, and all present very much enjoyed the fellowship, the discussion on our W.M.S. aims and work; the experience of talking things over together, and sharing in God's guidance. Everyone felt that such trips, and consultations together, are very much worthwhile, both in fellowship and in encouragement.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — The semi-annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* with a good attendance from Knox Presbyterian Church, *Jumbo Valley;* St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort MacLeod;* and St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat.* Miss Marge Middleton presided, and members were welcomed by Mrs. L. Blackbourne, and Miss Mary MacLean. The Report of the Annual W.M.S. Council Meetings, held in *Toronto,* last May, given by the Presbyterial Delegate, Mrs. T. MacLean, was the highlight of the Meeting. Mrs. MacLean stressed the challenge ahead of us in this Age, and emphasized the need for all W.M.S. women to join hands and work together, in the great Christian work set out for us. Luncheon was served by the *Lethbridge* ladies.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The 16th Bi-Annual Meeting of Peace River Presbyterial was held in Strong Presbyterian Church, *Dixonville,* with President, Mrs. Jean Elder in the Chair. "Understanding Our Bible" was the Theme of the Meeting. Mrs. H. Grove, Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Organizations, gave an excellent Report of the Annual Council Meetings held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* in May. A film, 'A Question of Recognition' was shown, followed by a discussion led by the Student Minister, Mr. Marvis Folderhof.

The Presbyterian Women of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Dawson Creek,* held a Social Evening as a Farewell to Mrs. Dianne McKinnon, who with her husband and children, is now leaving for *London, England,* where the Rev. Paul McKinnon, B.Sc., B.D., will take up further studies. The good wishes of St. James congregation go with them.

Members of the Women's Fellowship, as well as parents and friends, attended the Service given by the Explorer Group of Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Chauvin.* Joanne Schopher and Debbie Miller contributed Solos, and Debbie Reinhart gave a brief Message. Mrs.

M. Cargill presented the Stars, and the Rev. C. A. Cribar presented the "E" pin to three of the girls. Lunch was served by the members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The King's Daughters W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* has honoured Mrs. Donald Munro, by establishing a Bursary, in her name, at Ewart College, *Toronto.* From time to time, as additional donations are received, they will be added to this Fund. Mrs. Munro is a Past President of Hamilton and London Synodical, as well as a Past President of Hamilton Presbyterial. Thirty-four years ago she was the Sunday School Teacher of this Group, and when the Group, later, formed an Auxiliary of the W.M.S., Mrs. Munro remained with them as Advisor and Counsellor. She is now living with her Sister, Miss Grace Patterson, a retired Missionary from *India,* in *Thamesford, Ontario.*

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — When Cromarty Presbyterian Church, and its Organizations, celebrated a 100th Anniversary on a recent Sunday, lunch was served to more than 800 people after the morning Service, which was conducted by the Rev. James M. Ritchie, M.A., of *Stayner,* Ontario, a son of a former Minister of this Church, the late Rev. and Mrs. David Ritchie. Greetings and regrets were received from such distant places as *Cromarty, Scotland; Tampa, Florida; Santa Anna, California; Winnipeg; Niagara Falls; Guelph; Dutton; Toronto; Forest;* and *Chippawa.*

The Rev. John C. Bayne, B.D., of *Exeter,* conducted the Service of Dedication in the Afternoon, assisted by the Rev. Samuel Kerr, of *Embro.* Many gifts and Memorials were dedicated by different families and Church Groups, as well as a new electric organ installed by the congregation, in memory of soldiers killed during the two World Wars. The C.G.I.T. members occupied the Choir Loft at this Service and sang a special number. Refreshments were also served at the Supper Hour, and the Guest Speaker at the Evening Service was the Rev. Samuel Kerr, of *Embro,* a former Minister of this historic old Presbyterian Church; which is now entering on its second Century of Witness.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—The 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Sunnidale Corners,* was specially observed in August, when over 100 ladies were present to mark this important milestone. Miss Mirelda McIntyre, President, led the Worship Service, with Mrs. John Morgan reading the Scripture Lesson, and Mrs. Robert Bates leading in prayer. Mrs. J. M. Ritchie gave two vocal selections, and an Historical Sketch of the past seventy-five years was given by Mrs. D. D. Culham. Mrs. Earle Buie, Secretary, read the Minutes of the first Meeting, held in 1890.

An impressive "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Ritchie, M.A., of *Stayner,* with Honorary President, Mrs. John Hood, lighting a golden candle in memory of the faithful members of past years. The Offering was received by Mrs. Gordon Buie and Mrs. Mac McGauley, and dedicated by Mrs. Melville Bates.

The Guest Speaker, Mrs. John Bell, wife of the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* gave an interesting and inspiring Address on "The History and Outreach of the W.M.S. Work." She was introduced by Mrs. Ed Buie, and the appreciation of the Auxiliary was presented by Mrs. Ritchie. Greetings were brought by representatives of the many visiting Groups, including Mrs. E. McClung, President of Barrie Presbyterial. Congratulations were also received from former Ministers — the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Parsons, B.D., of *Trenton,* and the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. C. Jack, B.A., of *Cobourg.*

Following the Service, the ladies of Zion Presbyterian Church served refreshments in the Community Hall, and a Social Hour of friendship and reminiscing was enjoyed over the teacups.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the first Fall Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* the Guest Speaker was Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department of the W.M.S. Organization Department. Speaking of the Theme for Adult Group Study in this coming year — "Mission, The Christian's Calling" — Miss Nutt explained the different plans which could be used in presenting the deep meaning and significance of this Theme, and showed a very interesting Film Strip, "The Two Faces of Faith," which presented the involvement of all angles of daily living and work, in which the "Christian's Calling" should always be exemplified, since the word and the real meaning of "Mission" actually means the whole of the Christian's life, not only one small part of it. Miss Nutt also presented the two booklets, which form important source material on the Theme—"The Word With Power," by Suzanne de Dietrich, and "Realms of Our Calling," by Howard Grimes. These are included in the Study Packet for Adult Groups. Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. O. J. Davies presented the thanks of the Meeting.

Guests were welcomed at the Door by President, Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. H. S. Evans, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. O. J. Davies, and Mrs. H. S. Evans. Mrs. Wright was Pianist. Secretary, Mrs. O. J. Davies read the Minutes of the May Meeting, and of the Family Night, when Mrs. Vivian De Castro, of *British Guiana,* was Guest Speaker, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Cowan, presented an excellent Report. Refreshments were served following the Meeting, with Mrs. Pickett presiding at the tea-table.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Morewood,* was held in the Church Hall, with many members present from *Chesterville, Dunbar, Crysler, Finch, Winchester, Morewood United, Vernon* and *Morrisburg,* who came to share in the observance of years of faithful service and support of Missions, by Grandmothers, Mothers and sisters, through the years gone by. Mrs. E. A. Lockerby, of First Baptist Church, *Massena, New York,* was Guest Speaker, and presented much food for thought, as she spoke on *"Pakistan"*. Miss Judy Nurse was Soloist, with organ accompaniment by Miss L. Hunter. The early history of this Group was carefully prepared and presented. Early members present at this Anniversary Celebration were Mrs. Thomas Feeley, Mrs. T. E. Coulthart, and Mrs. T. W. Moffatt.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in *Elphin* Presbyterian Church, with the Theme of the meeting taken from Isaiah 6:8 — "Service". The Morning Devotions were given by Mrs. S. Gemmell, Mrs. H. Trombley, and Mrs. W. Sargeant, stressing that we are commanded to witness for Christ; and, like the Disciples, "to go, tell". Reports from Auxiliaries were received, and Miss D. Dodds, gave the Report on the Annual Council Meetings last May, held in Ewart College, *Toronto.*

Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. M. Ferrier and Miss A. Nichol, with Miss J. Anderson, Soloist. The Theme was "As the Father has sent me, so send I you." Mrs. Hugh Cochrane, of *Arnprior,* spoke on the Study Book and led in Discussion, emphasizing the importance of more preparation given to our Programmes, in order to create more keen interest in them. Mrs. T. Oxtobee paid tribute to those members who were ill, and to those who had passed away during the year.

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And stars its many candles be;
Oh sing a carol joyfully,
The year's great Feast in keeping!
For once on a December night
An angel held a candle bright
And led Three Wise Men by its light
To find the Christ-Child sleeping."

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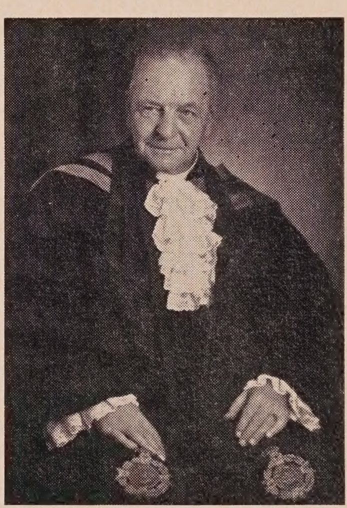

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"IN A MANGER"

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the 91st General Assembly, is now filling, with distinction, the highest Office in the Presbyterian Church in Canada—that of Moderator.)

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

(Luke 2—verses 11 and 12)

A MANGER can be reasonably clean and orderly. Oftentimes it is not—it can be a very mean place indeed. When Luke writes that the birth of Jesus took place in a hotel stable, quite unwittingly, he may have given to our age one of those prophetic insights which should make for a real knowledge of the birth of Christ.

No one can prove that the birth of Christ took place as it is described in the New Testament. Unless one accepts that evidence which the Bible provides, there is no other proof. We can be sure, however, that Christ *was* born, that He lived, and that He provided a new and living way into the Holiest of All.

To quarrel, and to show hatred toward one another, about the manner of Christ's birth, seems to be a great disservice to Him. For His message was to bring peace and goodwill among men. For those who find in the Gospel record, sufficient evidence of the manner of His birth—and for all others—there is ample evidence that Christ has been born many millions of times, and each time it has been a miracle. His birth has quite often been in the most unattractive areas of human existence. Colin W. Williams says, "The great difficulty in understanding what God is doing in history should not tempt us into withdrawal from this witnessing task. Instead it should remind us of the need to search for the marks of God's presence in the world; and the need to learn how to listen to what God is saying to us now, as the meaning of His revelation, given once-for all in history, *comes to life for us,* for us to witness to Him as the Lord of History" (From "What In The World"—page 82).

The birth of Jesus and the Resurrection of Jesus are inseparable. Both are recorded as having happened in the least desirable circumstances. They are both part of the "Fact of Christ," and that fact has been demonstrated time and again in individual experience, and also in Movements for the freedom, the dignity, and the salvation of masses of people. Our own generations have seen this happen across the world. Most frequently it has happened "in a Manger," with most sordid surroundings.

As we, in the Church, celebrate the birth of Christ this year, we must be conscious of the difficulties of His birth. The area of race hatreds; the prison camps in warfare; the places of poverty and ugliness—these often have been "the Manger," in which He is born. We must be aware, too, of how difficult it becomes for Him to be born in the "chemically pure" places, where unreal human standards are a wall between Him and them.

A Church can have a happy celebration of Christ's birth only when it is wholly committed to understand the people of its generation, and be where they are, to speak for Christ. So, can Christ be born—and risen!

A DECLARATION OF FAITH AT CHRISTMAS TIME

"I believe in Jesus Christ, and in the beauty
of the gospel that began in Bethlehem."

"I BELIEVE in Him whose spirit glorified a little town;
Of whose coming only shepherds saw the sign,
And for whom the crowded inn could find no room.

I BELIEVE in Him whom the kings of the earth ignored,
And the proud could never understand;
Whose paths were among the common people,
Whose welcome came from men of hungry hearts.

I BELIEVE in Him who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible;
Whose cradle was a mother's arms,
Whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth,
Who looked at men and made them see what His love saw in them;
Who by His love brought sinners back to purity,
And lifted human weakness to meet the strength of God.

I ACKNOWLEDGE the glory of all that is like Christ;
The steadfastness of friends,
The blessedness of homes.
The beauty of compassion,
The miracle of many hearts made kind at Christmas."

(Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS MAY NUTT

Assistant in The Adult Department

"Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King"

O God, our Father, we pray that we may come into Thy presence at this Christmas season, with the eager expectation and awe of the Shepherds, and the humility and faith of the Wise Men. Help us, our Father, to glorify and praise Thy name, as an expression of our gratitude for the great outpouring of Thy love for all mankind, displayed in the Incarnation.

May we more fully understand Thy love for us, made real in the life of Christ. That great love that "did not think to snatch at equality with God, but made Himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, revealed in human shape, He humbled Himself, and in obedience accepted death — death on a cross."

We would confess that too often, at this time of year, we have been more concerned with our own happiness — giving, only when we are sure we will receive something in return; obedient, only when obedience demands little, or no, suffering; serving, only when the service will bring recognition and acclaim from others.

Grant that, instead, we may be deeply concerned with revealing Thy great love — in our attitudes towards those with whom we come in daily contact; in our display of complete faith and trust in Thee, and Thy power; and in our desire that all men might become conscious members of Thy Kingdom here on earth.

As the carols ring in our ears, and the other reminders of this joyous season appear, may we be moved by the love of God to live out our thanks for Jesus, the Saviour, King of Kings, knowing that Jesus is "Emmanuel, God with us," today and every day.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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by MISS RUTH A. YEANDLE, Vancouver

SOFT FLAKES OF SNOW covered an otherwise dingy landscape in downtown Vancouver. A Chinese family slithered along the sidewalk toward the small grey stucco building. The sign outside read, "Chinese Presbyterian Church."

As they turned in, the mother looked at her watch. They were late. Because of the distance and bad weather she had decided not to come, but the children, unwilling to miss the Kindergarten Christmas Programme, phoned their father and begged him to come home and take them to the Church. He usually did as they asked and this was no exception.

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The new arrivals hesitated at the door, but the two older children pushed their way, unafraid, through the grown-ups, to the cloakrooms.

The Kindergarten Christmas Pageant.

As she squeezed past, five-year old Laurie, coatless by this time, leaned over and whispered to the teacher seated at the piano, "Yip! We made it!" With a big smile she hurried on to her place in the circle.

At sight of her the teachers nodded to each other, and the pianist, still smiling at Laurie's jubilance, struck a chord and the Programme was under way. After a few carols, dainty little May Choy Soo came to the platform to tell the Christmas story in the Cantonese language. When she had finished a shy-looking little boy told the same story in English. At first he was a bit frightened, but as he went on he gained courage, and his finale was a triumph over his timidity.

The sweet melody of "Little Lambs So White and Fair," signalled the entrance of a dozen small figures in white woolly suits. These were accompanied by half a dozen boys in Oriental shepherd costume. Crooks curved above their heads. One carried a lantern, another a toy lamb. As shepherds and sheep made their way to the green rug in the centre of the room, the children seated around it lifted their voices in the song:

Little lambs, so white and fair,
Are the shepherd's constant care;
Now he leads the tender feet
Into pastures green and sweet.

Now they listen and obey,
Following where he leads the way.
Heavenly Father, may we be
Thus obedient to Thee.

The music changed to "While shepherds watched their flocks by night." Sheep and shepherds lay quietly, except the shepherd with the lantern. He solemnly made his rounds, watching lest harm come to the flock. All the sheep were three-year old tikes, except one smaller-than-usual five-year old. Kirby set the tiny ones a good example, which they didn't always follow. Like the sheep they represented, the tiny ones found it hard to keep still. Their movements brought tinkles from their bells; tinkles brought loud whispers from older children, *"Keep still!"* It was just as well that this part of the programme did not last too long!

"Angels from the Realms of Glory," the piano warned the shepherd-watchman that his tour of duty was over. He joined the others as 12 little girls in white filed onto the platform. Laurie, by now subdued and solemn, was one of them. They wore feathered wings, tinsel belts and coronets. At sight of them, the sleeping shepherds stirred and tried to look frightened. Laurie was the one to step forward, hand outstretched, and in a clear voice gave the announcement: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." She repeated her message in Chinese and then joined the other angels to say, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men." All the children sang the words as the angels went behind screens at the back of the platform.

The shepherds stood watching until the angels were out of sight. Then one of them spoke: "Let us now go unto Bethlehem and see this thing which the angel has told us." As shepherds and sheep made their way slowly around the circle, the screens were removed, revealing the manger scene. A tall boy in eastern dress stood beside a chair, where sat a pretty little girl in blue and white draperies. An orange crate, filled with straw, stood on crossed legs representing the manger. At sight of it all the children sang heartily, "Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed." As the song finished, the shepherds and sheep reached the platform. The shepherds knelt near the manger. The one carrying the lamb placed it as his offering to the Babe in the manger. The sheep remained on the rug.

Again bells tinkled and the strains of "We Three Kings of Orient Are," was heard. Three tall boys in elaborate dress, with crowns on their heads and gifts in their hands, appeared. With them were three brown camels. This stately procession made its way to the platform, and each "king" in turn presented a gift to the Baby. While this was going on, the camels knelt on the rug with the sheep.

Now we must explain that each camel consisted of two boys, one behind the other. They were completely covered with brown cotton crepe. The boy in front held a cardboard camel's head and long neck; the boy at the back, leaning forward, clasped the front boy's waist, and held his head high to simulate the hump. Even while kneeling, they were to keep their heads up. One of them got tired. The rug was soft; he lay down comfortably! The collapse of the camel brought smiles to the grown-ups, but the children paid no attention. They were absorbed in the story in spite of having witnessed practices day after day.

This part over, all the children rose to their feet and repeated in Chinese and in English, the Bible verse that gives the true meaning of Christmas—John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." God loved — He gave — He gave His only begotten Son, and whoever receives that gift also receives free pardon and life forever more. God's gift of His Son for a world of sinners — this is what Christmas really means!

The children's response came from their hearts as they sang:

"I love Him, He first loved me;
I love Him, He died for me;
I love Him for He set me free;
I love Jesus, my Lord."

While the little participants retreated to a back room to remove their costumes, the children in the circle played a few games. From time to time, during the afternoon, big eyes, yes, and even little fingers, had lingered wonderingly on a pile of gaily wrapped packages lying around the base of the Christmas tree. When all the children had come back to the circle, these gifts were distributed. Each child had a book or a puzzle or a picture to take home.

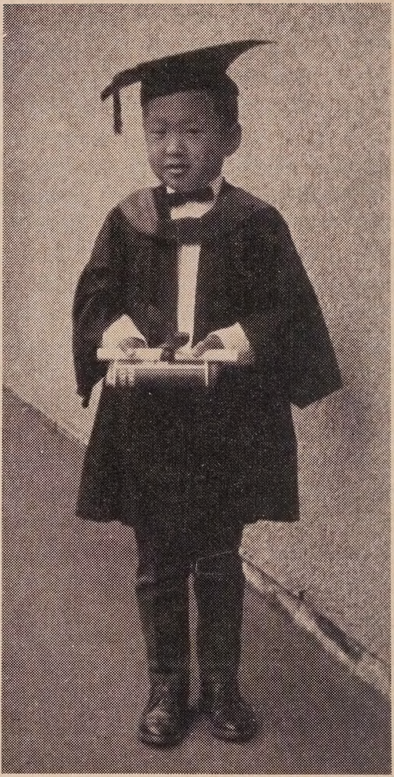
Refreshments made time for conversation. "Thank you for a lovely programme." "Have a good holiday. Merry Christmas!" These were the sort of remarks made by most of the parents. But there were others—

"I am amazed at the change in David!"

"I didn't think Mary could have done what I saw her do today. It takes more patience than I have."

"Johnny has been saying his Bible verses at home. Even my husband listens and is impressed."

When the last "Merry Christmas!" was said and all the children and their parents had left to make their slushy way home, the teachers had time for stock-taking. Altogether they were well satisfied with the afternoon's work. The sudden change in weather might have prevented many from coming. The Lord graciously enabled them all to come, even the families from North Vancouver where steep mountain roads become very slippery when it snows.



Graduating
From Kindergarten!

But the greatest cause for thanksgiving to God was seen in the children who took part in the Programme. Many were chosen for special reasons. There was Derek, the shy boy who told the Christmas story so well. This was a victory thankfully acknowledged by the teachers. Then there was Laurie, who almost didn't "make it." She was a child full of mischief and very unpredictable. Faced with responsibility, she measured up well.

Another was Kirby, the five-year old sheep. The extreme shyness of this child was a problem. If he could avoid it without making a scene, he would take no part in any shared activity. One day when little ones were being chosen for sheep a teacher noted a spark of interest in Kirby's eye. He was asked whether he would like to be a sheep. His only answer was a nod, but he willingly donned the woolly costume, and did his part well. From that time Kirby grew in self-confidence.

These are results that can be seen. Time alone will reveal the deeper results in the souls of those taking part, and those watching the performance. We ask the questions:—"Did the children grasp the wonder of God's precious Gift of His Son? Did the parents get the message of the programme?" The answers we leave with the Lord. But it is encouraging to see that some parents bring their children to the Sunday School, even after they have left the Kindergarten and gone into Public School. Here we may see something of the accomplishment of His purposes in their lives. Meantime, our hearts are full of praise that He has called us to work with such pliable material as little children, and their parents.

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THE INDIAN: AN ABANDONED AND DISPOSSESSED PEOPLE

Many of the members and friends of our Society were greatly disturbed by an Article which appeared under the above caption in Weekend Magazine, under date of July 31st last. Mr. Ian Adams, the author, is the son of former staff assistants at the Kenora Fellowship Centre, and appears to have taken advantage of the freedom of the press to give vent to a personal prejudice. Many of our members have visited the Cecilia Jeffrey School, and can attest to the erroneous statement of Mr. Adams when he describes the School as having "an atmosphere of unutterable loneliness, desolate enough to stop time in any child's heart."

We have investigated the situation thoroughly, and have found that Mr. Adams' article is not factual. He has taken an element of truth, and distorted it out of all proportion. His approach to information was to seek out persons who, for personal reasons, had a negative attitude toward the work of our Church. We recognize that the progress made with the Indian-Canadian, in the isolated districts of Kenora, has not been as great as we would have liked; however, the Indian people who have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded them are the first to express their appreciation of the interest and assistance given. Many members of our Church have faithfully served the Indian Canadians in the Kenora area over the years. We have complete confidence in our present Staff, as to their Christian concern for the Indian children, and as to their treatment of the students in a comparable manner to that given by our Presbyterian parents to their own children.

Since this article appeared in print, we have received letters from responsible citizens in Kenora, who work closely with the Cecilia Jeffrey School and its staff, and who have nothing but praise for the work being done.

We quote, for your information, an editorial which appeared in the Kenora Daily Miner and News under date of August 3rd:

IRRESPONSIBLE

"A feature article in the July 31st issue of Weekend Magazine, entitled, "The Indians: An Abandoned and Dispossessed People", deserves editorial comment.

Freedom is a precious thing; bought and paid for dearly. The press is one of the trustees of freedom; giving voice to dangers which, from time to time, appear. The press, therefore, shoulders added responsibilities; for the editor's voice, unlike the average citizen's, reaches many, many thousands. A writer, worthy of the name, gives honest, factual and complete information. To do less is to "colour" the story. In the process both writer and the publication, suffer.

The story mentioned above is, without doubt, coloured. It does the Town of Kenora, and those who have worked to help the Indians, a real disservice. It is negative in its approach; inaccurate in detail, and incomplete. It can be said, at best, to represent one visitor's opinion of a condition.

It is always a source of wonder how a visitor, or a newcomer to our community, suddenly feels qualified to judge such a serious problem as exists in this area. In the above-mentioned article, the writer's lack of knowledge is all too apparent.

It is unfortunate that a story on the positive gains made in solving the complex problems of the Indian people in this area, could not have been written, and substituted for the above story. Weekend Magazine has a potential readership of over 1,000,000 people. We are sure that the author would make just as much money; that he could bring out in true light the miseries of the Indian people; that little would be lost in "saleability." But told to Canada at the same time would be the positive strides which have been made by a great many individuals; by several Churches, and in more recent years by our Governments in advancing the well-being of the Indian race. It would be a more complete and factual story—a more honest account of conditions, in proper prospective.

We cannot help but feel that member newspapers which distribute Weekend Magazine have lost something this week."

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RETIREMENT!

Tribute Dinner for Miss Vera Carson

MISS VERA CARSON retired from the staff of our Society on September 1st, following more than twenty-four years of faithful service in the office, the greater part of which was spent as Office Secretary in the National Department.

On Monday evening, September 27th, a Dinner was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, when members of Council Executive and the Office Staff gathered to pay tribute to Miss Carson, to present to her gifts as tokens of their appreciation for her long service, and to wish for her a happy retirement. We know that many of the members of our Society, who have known Miss Carson over the years, would want to join their good wishes to those expressed on September 27th.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Miss Edna Loney	—St. Andrew's, Coldwater	—Barrie
Mrs. Emma G. Graham	—Zion, Wellwood	—Brandon
Mrs. Joseph Slack	—Church of the Covenant, Lansdowne	—Brockville
Mrs. W. D. Carlyes	—First, Brockville	—Brockville
Mrs. Ethel MacDonald	—First, Brockville	—Brockville
Mrs. A. H. Dancey	—Knox, Oshawa	—East Toronto
(Corresponding Secretary, Toronto and Kingston Synodical)		
Mrs. R. J. McClinton	—Strathcona, Edmonton	—Edmonton
Mrs. H. L. Bennie	—Knox, Acton	—Guelph
Mrs. Mary R. Fleming	—Chalmers, Walpole	—Hamilton
Mrs. Thomas Newton	—St. Enoch, Hamilton	—Hamilton
Mrs. E. E. Medlyn	—Knox, St. Thomas	—London
Mrs. Alma MacPherson	—Knox, Kincardine	—Maitland
Mrs. Norman Clinton	—Knox, Kincardine	—Maitland
Mrs. George E. (Carrie Graham) Ross	—Ephraim Scott Memorial, Montreal	—Montreal
Miss Mary Ethel Stewart	—Presbyterian, Georgetown	—Montreal
Mrs. Andrew Carruthers	—Presbyterian, Georgetown	—Montreal
Mrs. Alexander B. (Mary) Shaw	—St. Andrew's, Swift Current	—Moose Jaw
Mrs. Wm. Fenton, Sr.	—St. Andrew's, Thorold	—Niagara
Mrs. A. C. (Kathleen) McArthur	—St. Andrew's, Beamsville	—Niagara
Mrs. J. R. Martin	—Knox, Sudbury	—North Bay
Miss J. Hazel McAuley	—Erskine, Ottawa	—Ottawa
Mrs. A. R. G. Emslie	—St. Andrew's, Richmond	—Ottawa
Mrs. A. M. Little	—Knox, Embro	—Paris
Mrs. Elizabeth Heighes	—Parkview, Saskatoon	—Saskatoon
Mrs. E. C. Cuthbertson	—St. Andrew's, Fort Frances	—Superior
Mrs. O. H. E. Thorpe	—First, New Westminster	—Westminster
(President, Westminster Presbyterial, British Columbia)		
Mrs. J. G. Baker	—Central, Vancouver	—Westminster
Miss Helen Dallas	—Central, Vancouver	—Westminster
Mrs. Mary M. Oswald	—Knox, New Westminster	—Westminster

In Remembrance (Continued)

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Isabella Allan	—Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	—Westminster
Mrs. W. E. Lundy	—Wychwood, Toronto	—West Toronto
Mrs. J. Bright	—Wychwood, Toronto	—West Toronto
Mrs. Allie McDonald	—Parkdale, Toronto	—West Toronto
Mrs. C. W. (Olive) Hillock	—Parkdale, Toronto	—West Toronto
Mrs. J. J. Palmer	—St. Andrew's, Islington	—West Toronto

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"One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists;
To make this life more worth-while,
And Heaven, a surer heritage!" (Selected)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the National Missionaries across our Society, that they may approach this Christmas Season filled with enthusiasm and a new sense of oneness, realizing their spiritual strength of togetherness, as they make the story of the Christ Child live anew in so many hearts and lives.

—May our sincere prayers be that each one will be renewed in health and strength, as the opportunities for service unfold and increase until the bells ring out on Christmas Day.

—For all Christians everywhere, that, as they plan their Christmas Celebrations, they may witness worthily to Him whose birth they celebrate.

—For all who teach and lead, that they may interpret, to those with whom they work, the true meaning of Christmas.

—For the work of the Church in India. Pray that strength may be given to its leaders in these days, that through the love Christ showed us, the people of India may know peace.

—For the newly erected Church of Nigeria. Pray that inaugural services for this new church may be blessed, that they may begin a part of Christ's church which may be used for the people of Nigeria.

GOOD TIDINGS TO ALL PEOPLE

by (MRS. GEORGE) MARY PECKOVER, B.A.

"AND SUDDENLY there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke 2: 13&14.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God". Luke 2: 20.

The angelic chorus praised God and sang on that first Christmas day. The shepherds heard and then returned to their everyday tasks, "glorifying and praising God." We, too, praise God at Christmas time, in music and in song. The good news, which the angel brought, was not just for the shepherds, nor just for the Jews. It was "for all people." All Nations and Denominations have contributed to the music that we use at Christmas time. In the Book of Praise, and among the popular carols of Christmas, we find words and music from the whole family of the world-wide Church. No group can claim a major part. We have all made our contribution.

At this time of "good will toward men," it strengthens our feelings of unity with other Christians to remember this fact. As we enjoy the music of the German Mendelssohn, the English Handel, and the Austrian organist Gruber, we tend to forget our differences. There are stories of German and Allied soldiers singing Christmas carols together, across the trenches in World War I. Most of us have had similar experiences of feeling closer to unfamiliar people, as we sang familiar hymns together.

This strengthening of bonds between people is something for which we should give thanks. In these days of racial and political tension, we welcome experiences which bring us together. This year, as we enjoy the Christmas music, let us be more conscious of the contributions of others, and appreciate the part they play in the telling of the birth of Christ.

As we trace the Christmas story among the familiar carols and in the Book of Praise, we find an Advent hymn from the Church of Scotland:—"Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes, The Saviour promised long." This hymn, by Philip Doddridge, was not written originally for an Advent hymn, but was intended simply to be sung after the sermon, as a hymn with a good Scriptural message.

One of the most joyous hymns of the Christmas season, "Joy to the World," by the English Congregational Minister, Isaac Watts, is commonly sung to music adapted from "The Messiah," by George Frederic Handel.

There have been many carols written about the manger scene. The children's favourite, "Away in a Manger," was written by the famous German theologian, Martin Luther. The carol which we hear most often at Christmas, "Silent Night," comes to us from Austria, written by Father Joseph Mohr, an Assistant Parish Priest in a small village in the Austrian Alps. His organist, Franz Gruber, wrote the music, because the organ had broken down and it was necessary for the small choir to sing unaccompanied at the Midnight Mass. He composed a simple tune. The carol might have remained there if the organ builder, who came to repair the organ, had not asked for a copy of this beautiful music and words. It was an American Episcopalian Minister who translated the poem into English, and set it on its way to become one of the most popular Christmas carols on this continent.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" was written by the English Methodist Minister, Charles Wesley. It was originally written in four-line stanzas and was not very popular. Later, a co-worker of Wesley's discovered that when he combined two verses and repeated the first two lines as a chorus, the words could be set to a tune by Mendelssohn. Now the carol was well received and is still well liked today.

There are many carols whose authors and composers are unknown. Both the French and the English claim "The First Nowell." Such carols as "Angels we have heard on high,"; "O Come all ye faithful"; "Good Christian men, Rejoice"; were all written in Latin, for use in the Middle Ages, but no one knows their origin. Able translators have put them into English verse, and we enjoy singing them today.

The Reverend Phillips Brooks, an American Episcopalian Minister, wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem", as he reminisced on a recent visit he had made to Palestine. He asked Mr. Lewis Redner, his Organist and Sunday School Superintendent, to write music to the words. Thus, two bachelors gave us one of the favourite children's hymns of Christmas. A Minister's wife in Ireland wrote another children's favourite, "Once in Royal David's City." An American poet Minister wrote the words and music of "We Three Kings", when he wanted to tell of the visit of the Magi.

Many carol books contain negro spiritual interpretations of the Christmas story. You might like to sing a few, such as "Rise up Shepherds, and Foller" and "Go Tell it on the Mountain." The carol, "'Twas in the moon of wintertime," written by Father Brebeuf for the Huron Indians of Canada, has gained popularity in recent years.

As yet we are not familiar with Christmas music from India, Nigeria, or Formosa. It is to be hoped that some day their carols will join our repertoire of loved ones, as all Christians everywhere follow the example set by the angels and by the shepherds and "glorify and praise God."

(*Note: This article could be adapted and used as a Christmas programme for your group. Someone could read the article, or parts of it, aloud and the group could sing the carols as they are mentioned. Further information about the carols is readily available and would make the programme more interesting.*)

REPORT FORMS FOR THE YEAR 1965

Please Note: Report Forms have gone out to the various Synodical Secretaries. Presbyterial Secretaries will have received these report forms and sent the local groups their forms. The **return schedule** for the report forms is as follows:

December 31, 1965
All completed group forms in the hands of Presbyterial Secretaries.

January 20, 1966
All completed Presbyterial forms in the hands of Synodical Secretaries.

February 20, 1966
All completed Synodical Report forms and, in the case of Afternoon, Evening, Girls' and Children's Departments, Presbyterial Report forms, and Lists of Officers, to be in the W.M.S. office, Room 205, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

We hope that all secretaries will do their best to meet this schedule.

SYNODICAL GIVINGS JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1965

	1964	1965
British Columbia	$ 5,457.26	$ 7,611.58
Alberta	5,087.33	7,083.73
Saskatchewan	5,007.75	6,143.67
Manitoba	5,336.22	6,234.18
Hamilton and London	51,016.93	62,858.76
Toronto and Kingston	56,019.45	58,141.00
Montreal and Ottawa	29,551.57	34,100.00
	$157,476.51	$182,172.92

General Expenses to September 30, 1965 .... $307,792.62

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A MISSIONARY RETURNS TO THE FIELD

by MISS AGNES HISLOP

IN THE CELEBRATIONS of the Advent Season, we rejoice again that the Word became flesh so that every nation and tribe and tongue and people might have life, and have it abundantly. Connected with the proclamation of that abundant life, what are some of the things which come before a Missionary when she returns to her Field, after furlough in Canada?

In some ways, it seemed to me that I could not possibly have been away from India for nearly seventeen months. Two terms here can make places and people so familiar that they become a part of one's life, and one never sees anything new or surprising any more frequently than one does in Canada.

On the other there are some changes, differences. For me, one change was a shift in place of abode. I returned to Jobat, after being elsewhere for eight years, including two furloughs. For three years of my first term I had lived here, and knew every man, woman and child of the Christian community. In my second term, I visited here periodically, nearly always meeting with the Women's Fellowship Group, only on rare occasions was present for Sunday worship, and probably never once visited the School. The day after my arrival, a Sunday, when I went to the morning Worship, the Pastor extended an "official" welcome from the congregation, and after the Service many women came to shake hands. During subsequent days, I've met with all the women and men—all old friends, it seems!

But—the children—this is where I see the difference! Those who were in Primary School, during my time here, are mostly in High School or out of School. Little ones have grown beyond my recognition, except that I may identify someone as from a certain family. Then—those who have been born in the intervening years—I just don't know them at all! Among the first tasks I set for myself was a house-to-house visitation of the whole congregation. I make no apologies for writing down the names, ages, and school grades, of all children. It is the first step in coming to know all of them once more.

A few days after my arrival, Miss Kennedy and I made plans for a combination Retreat-Work Study, in which we and the Bible Women, with whom we work, would spend two days together. These two days, we all felt, were very worth-while. There was a spirit of "oneness" in our Worship, in our sessions of Bible Study, in our times of thinking together of the tasks which God has committed, through His Church, to us. What areas of work are before us? Discussion brought to light four major responsibilities, each of which has several sub-divisions.

In the field of Christian Education, we are concerned with women who have some experience along the Christian way (this includes the Women's Fellowship), with women to whom this Way is relatively new, and with children. We have also the responsibility of outreach among those who do not know Christ. We noted down, using a blackboard so these would be clearly before us, the varying purposes in our teaching among each group, and considered the means we are using, as well as those we might also be using, to work out these purposes. Our self-examination was aided by the member of our team who latest graduated from Bible School refreshing our memories with a step-by-step outline on "lesson preparation." After this we had considerable fun, as, in pairs, we prepared a lesson outline for a stated-age, experienced group, and then shared in evaluating all of the outlines. Another experiment involved reading a selected passage from a book, and then writing a brief synopsis of it. In this day, when we are encouraging people to read and to learn to read, it is helpful to be able to present an interesting outline of a book, in order to encourage potential readers.

On the second forenoon, we were joined for a time by the Pastor of the local church. He gave us some of his thoughts on "Trained Women in the Church," and led a discussion in which he answered questions as to the opportunities and responsibilities of "deaconesses" in the Church in India today. There was also some discussion as to the part that volunteer (lay) women could take in the outreach of the Church. In our evaluation, it was agreed that we should try to meet twice a year, for two days, as we have met now. It was decided that resource materials in the hands of all of us should be catalogued, using a card file system; this was the outcome of a demonstration in which we benefitted from Miss Morrison's card file of medical and nursing resource materials! It was also decided that better-organized records of daily teaching in the villages and classes should be kept by each of us. These could be used as a basis not only for better progression in our teaching but also for regular prayer for women in the villages.

In my home visitation, I have met with many of the girls and boys who live at home, and attend the Government Schools here, rather than go to Christian Schools in Amkhut, Jhansi and elsewhere. Concern has been expressed by parents, and by some of the young people themselves, that they do not get the daily systematic Scripture teaching which Christian Schools provide. The Pastor and I have been in consultation! I have made inquiries re curricula—and classes for these girls and boys are in the plans for the near future.

As yet, I have not visited each and every Women's Fellowship group, but plan to get to every one as soon as possible. Some groups closed their meetings during the rainy season, but it has now drawn to a close, so I hope to see a resumption of their activities. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, plans were made for the 1966 programme of studies and for the Annual Meeting on December 28th. A thrilling part of the business occurred when, in response to an invitation from the Women's Work Committee of the United Church of Northern India, the Committee chose two representatives to be the Women's Fellowship *observers* from this Presbytery *at the General Assembly* in Bombay at the end of October. This makes history, because this is the first time such an invitation has been extended. Of course, the observers will be reporting at the Annual Meeting!

What things come before a Missionary when she returns to the Field after furlough? These are some of the matters in which I am already involved, and in which you, as members and friends of the Women's Missionary Society, can be involved in your prayers, individually and in Auxiliaries. As I think of how they are related to our Society's motto, "The World for Christ," I am reminded of a description I once heard of the "time concept" of a certain people, in Africa, if memory is correct. They consider that we proceed as if walking backward in life. We see (i.e., know) what has already happened, but we do not know into what situation our next step will lead us. We, who are Christ's, believe that God has a plan in which we are co-workers with Him, and so we walk by faith, not by sight. This is the way I must go into a new term of service in the Church among the Bhil people of India.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Please Note that Miss Diana Wadsworth's address is: Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ont. not as given in November issue.

Are you looking for a Gift —
One that is new every month of the year,
Yet costs no more than a Dollar?
Look no further —
You have it in your hand
Right now!
How many "Glad Tidings" will YOU give
This Christmas-tide?

Toys In The Days Of Our Lord!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

HOW POIGNANT they are in their appeal as they lie before us in their glass case, all nicely tabulated and arranged in orderly rows — these little, age-old toys, and playthings, that were once so beloved of little children in the days when Jesus walked among them on the earth! How mute now the joy which once they brought to childish hands — how inarticulate their story — yet what a wealth of romance and human interest wraps them round! Here they are, after all these centuries, resting at last in their case in the Royal Ontario Museum, the very toys with which little Roman children played as they amused themselves in the courtyards of those beautiful homes in the great cities that are now no more! Gone is the pomp and greatness; gone the majesty of that powerful Empire; gone the great things of that age of marvellous culture and refinement; but here are the little things their children played with — the familiar little things that once belonged to small Mercia, to little Claudia, or to young Justinius — the joyous little playthings that adoring parents delighted to give their little children then, even as do the parents of today.

And, as we look at them more closely, we realize that these little toys of that long-ago age are not, after all, so vastly different from the ones we purchase for our little ones today. They are fundamentally the same, just as children themselves are fundamentally the same, and ever will be; and just as the affection which has ever surrounded little children will ever be fundamentally the same, so long as this old world shall last. Mother-love and father-love cannot ever really change with changing centuries, because it is the fundamental love on which the world, and all its civilizations, has been built. And so, in this time and age, when Christmas comes, we love to bestow on our little people all the toys, games, and playthings that we can afford, and in honour of the little Christ Child, who was once a Babe in Bethlehem of Judea, and whose boyhood days were spent among the other children of the little village of Nazareth. But they had their games and toys, too, these children of those faraway days. With what *sort* of things did they amuse themselves — how did they pass the playtime hours away?

Well, as I look carefully into this case of ancient childhood treasures, I think the little maidens played at "keeping house," just as do the little maidens of today — here are the very wee dishes they played with, the same wee dishes of which some long-gone little girl must have been so very proud. Here are three tiny, but perfect, little utensils of lead, minutely fashioned exactly as larger ones, which were used in the kitchens of that land. A tiny frying pan with a long handle; a small rounded basin to hold the food; a rectangular little pan in which little Claudia probably put her carefully-patted little mud cakes out to bake in the hot Eastern sun! Here, too, are small pottery jars, exactly like those in which her Mother kept her supplies of meal and flour. We must remember, you know, that in that land wood was very scarce, and almost everything was made of pottery. All the wheat supply for all of Rome came in earthen pots, instead of bags, so, literally, millions of earthen pots each year came into Rome. So, little Claudia had her small eathen jars, too, with which to "play house" — tall, slender ones; short, squat ones; dainty ornamental ones, sitting on small wooden stands — all perfect diminutive reproductions of those she saw in daily use about her own home! And, when she and her small friends had gay little tea-parties, as little girls of every age have always had, I'm sure she knew just how to use them, too!

She had her beloved doll-babies, too, for here, in this same case, are some little rag dolls, almost disintegrated now, but still perfect in shape and form — the very little rag dolls which some small Roman maid has cuddled, and probably taken with her to bed each night! There are quaint little dolls of carven bone and ivory, too — one with a black bead necklet still fastened about its throat — and there is a lovely big doll of terra-cotta, which is one of the largest dolls ever found. Most of these toys have been unearthed during excavations made on the sites of those long-lost Roman towns, and were discovered, very often, in rubbish heaps which were being carefully searched for papyri which might lead to still more knowledge of the life of those ancient days. This big terra-cotta doll is really quite a beauty, with finely chiselled features, long carven curls, a high bonnet-head-dress, and arms carven precisely at her sides. She must have been the special joy of some small maiden's heart away back in the days of the second century A.D.! Here, too, are tiny ivory and bone figures; and the head of Apollo, mounted on a stick, was probably dressed as a doll long, long, ago. A perfect little toy-chair, modelled in pottery, tells us that the little Roman girl had her pretty toy furniture with which to play house, and doubtless did as many things with it, as does her small sister of today with her modern dollhouse and furnishings.

And what about the small boys of that time? They must have been a good deal like the lads of today, I think, save that they wore the conventional tunic and toga of their time. They played the same sort of games, at any rate, for here, in the case is a fine collection of marbles of all sizes, both large and small. Some are a soft pale green; some of clear glass; others are dark and opaque. Many a merry game these bits of glass have seen, I'm sure, and the boyish owners must have carried them about in a pouch, because pockets were unknown in tunics. And they played ball, too, for here are balls of different sorts and sizes — not made of rubber, however, but of hemp and hard-packed papyri. How many warm and vanished hands have cupped themselves about these old-world balls — how many gleeful shouts have followed their throwing!

Here are three spinning-tops of different sizes, polished well by much usage, but still in almost as good shape as when their care-free owners spun them 'neath the Springtime sun, on the tesselated pavements of old Roman streets. They played different games, also, for here are many dice, and here are game-pieces of bone and ivory, which were probably used for some game like draughts. One of these game-pieces is a little figure of a bound captive, whose elbows are shown lashed together. Even in their games, you see, we get a glimpse of the customs of the age. The smaller children played with carven wooden toys. Here is a handsome pair of black horses, and a chariot in which the driver stands erect. It has wooden wheels so that the child could easily pull the toy about after him, and so has the light carven horse nearby, whose gallant wooden rider still sits proudly on its back. There are little toy pottery dogs of various species, their heads and tails held haughtily erect; several toy horses — one quite a beauty, with painted mane and eyes, and a painted man astride him; there are toy birds of different sorts.

There is also a small toy bell which is most ingeniously contrived. It is made from the neck of a pale green glass bottle, and across the top of this neck rests a small piece of wood, with a bit of string hanging down inside. On the end of the string is a round mud clapper which, on striking the glass, would make a ringing sound. Here, too, are tiny metal rings for little fingers, and bracelets which once adorned small arms. Almost pathetic are the wee knitted mitts and socks, which, long ago, someone lovingly pulled on over small baby hands and feet, but whose gay stripes of colour are faded now and dim. There is even a tiny leather purse, in which some proud little owner once carried about his treasures. And the little sandals, in which small active feet once scampered about at play — how long they have been still!

The children of those early days had their living pets as well. This we know when we look closely on the wall nearby at the beautifully-carven front of a small stone sarcophagus, or coffin, which once sheltered the still body of a young Roman boy, about ten years of age. His picture is carven there — a handsome little chap, in the tunic and toga of the well-born Roman, his hair arranged in stiff classical roles — and there, too, are the carven pictures of his pets. His two pet rabbits are shown, contentedly munching a bunch of grapes, and his game-cock is shown conquering in a battle with another ruffled cock. The picture is upheld by two chubby figures of Eros, the god of love, and the whole thing, carven on a slab of white Italian marble, is most realistic, and filled with great human interest. Because these were his pets, and he loved them, they were carved upon his sarcophagus. From this custom of showing the games and pets of childhood in the funeral sculpture, we have been able to learn much of the life and customs of these ancient peoples. Little girls are pictured with their dolls and their balls; often a pet bird is held lovingly in the small carven hands; or a little pet dog stands forever begging before them. Boys had their rabbits depicted, placidly munching food, and in almost every case a cock-fight is shown somewhere in progress.

To us, who disapprove, and heartily dislike, the cruelty of allowing these poor game-cocks to kill each other, this prevalence of cock-fighting seems a terrible thing, but in the ancient Greek and Roman world, it was considered an honourable sport. Both men and boys of all ages indulged in it, and there was, indeed, a well-respected law which decreed that every year cock-fights should be given in the amphitheatre at Athens, at the expense of the public treasury. This was done in memory of the speech by which Themosticles stirred the courage of his fellow-citizens before the famous Battle of Salamis. He saw two game-cocks fighting to the death, and called upon his men to imitate these relentless fighters and, as valiantly, defend their land and liberty. It was thought that, by allowing boys and youths to indulge in cock-fighting, they learned to struggle to the very last extremity; never to give up while life itself lasted; to feel a real contempt for danger. They *were* certainly a brave and dauntless people, these early Greeks and Romans, but, thank goodness, in these times we do know that the bravery and stamina of our young boys and youths does not need to be nurtured by the cruel sport of cock-fighting!

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AFTER CHRISTMAS

The angel song still trembles
In Bethlehem's holy air
The little hills lie sleeping,
The bright stars still shine fair;
Gone is the rustle of the wings
Heard in the watch serene;
The Golden Hour of God is past,
His glory has been seen,
But, oh, the hearts that since have worked,
The souls that have found rest,
Because small Bethlehem one Day
Took heaven to its breast!

(Consuela Valencia)

Christmas Service of Worship

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Call to Worship—"Behold unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6.)

Invocation—Our God and Father, who didst give to us Thy Son, the Prince of Peace, that we might have life, we bow in adoration, and offer praise for Thy great gift. We humbly beseech pardon and forgiveness for our unworthiness, and pray Thou wilt accept and help us to do things to Thy glory, forgetting self.

In the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Reader—

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." (Luke 4:18)

Hymn 164—verse 6.

"Our glad hosannahs, Prince of Peace!
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's exalted arches ring
With Thy most honoured name."

Reader—

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Hymn 167—verse 4.

"His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord."

Reader—

"Unto us a Child is born . . . and His Name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Hymn 170—verse 5.

"For, lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold.
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing."

Reader—

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men." (Luke 2:14)

Hymn 171—3 verses (standing)

"Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethelehem.'
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King."

Scripture Reading—St. Luke 2:8-20

Meditation—

'Peace', which in this turbulent world is coveted by so many, in our everyday lives is longed for so often, peace which is defined as quiet, freedom from strife. The very sound of the word, when we let it sink down upon us, is like a soft cloud shutting out harsh noises, and giving the calm which strengthens and enables us to go on. Have you ever stood beside quiet water in the woods, and just listened to the silence? Something flows into one's innermost heart, and stays long after the silence has been shattered by the splash of a bird alighting on the water, or the call of an animal!

How lovely are the moments of relief that come in the midst of strain, when something happens to take our minds off our problems, and, no matter how brief the time, we are left with a feeling of peace, which helps us to face whatever is bothering us.

In all the merriment of Christmas, let us not forget to let the little quiet times enter, at the time of gift-giving and receiving; when, perhaps, we receive some special gift, however small, which has been given, we know, with love and thought, which touches our hearts; then may we feel the peace that this love imparts, and take time to show our appreciation.

The word 'peace', is used in the Bible so many times as a salutation, a blessing, because it is recognized as something that every one feels the need of, and He, whose birth we celebrate at this time, is our Peace, our fortress, in whom we can find rest and strength to go on, trying to fulfil His command to preach and teach, that all men may know and worship Him. But there is more than just the definition of Peace. Back of it is Love, for it was love that made God willing to give His Son, the Prince of Peace, and it is only with love that our gifts and service can have real meaning.

"Blest are they who walk in love, they also walk with
God above, and when man walks with God again, there
shall be Peace on Earth for Men." (Helen S. Rice)

"May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is Hope;
The Spirit of Christmas which is Peace;
The blessing of Christmas which is Love!"

Prayer—

Our God and Father, at this blessed Christmas season, when we remember again the birth of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, we praise and magnify Thy name for the gift of the Prince of Peace.

As we worship, help us, we pray, to be willing to offer and give of our love and loyalty, to further the reality of all men knowing, and being free to worship, Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for all the manifold blessings bestowed on us as a people; for peace and plenty; for the privilege of helping in Thy work. Help us, O God, to keep the joy and spirit of Christmas in our hearts at all times.

We remember before Thee, those who labour in far places, separated from family and friends. Grant that they may know the feeling of being loved and upheld in prayer, that they may be strengthened and guided in their endeavours to lead others to Thee. We pray for those who are sick in mind and body, that in Thy great mercy they may be given rest and peace.

We ask forgiveness for our many shortcomings and unworthiness but, above all, we ask that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 172—3 Verses.

"Holy night! peaceful night!
All is dark, save the light
Yonder where they sweet vigil keep
O'er the Babe Who in silent sleep
Rests in heavenly peace.
Rests in heavenly peace."

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

ESPECIALLY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!

Once more it is my happy privilege to draw your attention to some of the interesting and really worth-while books which you might like to choose for Christmas giving this year. All are available from our Publications Department, and I can heartily recommend each one. I shall not really "review," these, in the full sense of the word, but just tell you enough to reveal what each book is about, and to assure you that you will make no mistake in choosing any one of them for gifts—especially for those special friends who delight in a good book, and would rather find such a gift beneath their Christmas Tree than anything else you could choose for them!

THE BELOVED INVADER By Eugenia Price

This is a first Novel from the pen of this gifted writer, whose eleven non-fiction books have been read by over a million readers in America, and also translated into seven foreign languages, and have brought the inspiration and help of the Christian message, and way of life, into countless hearts around the world. So, too, will this splendid book, although in a different manner. This is a genuinely true story, in novel form. The Author cancelled two years of her speaking engagements in order to carry out the extensive background and historical research needed to bring to life again the true life story of 19-year-old Anson Greene Phelps Dodge, Jr., who came to the lovely St. Simon's Island, just off the Coast of Georgia, in 1879 to visit the extensive Dodge lumber interests there set up by his Grandfather, and now dominated by his Father. What he found there, and how he dedicated his life to change the unhappy conditions and way of life, make a compelling and thrilling story, which is completely true to fact, even to the real names of the people involved.

During the course of the years, he was rejected by many Islanders; worshipped by others; became a Minister, that he might serve better; had to give up the woman he deeply loved; suffered much and gave much. To this day, the work he started there goes on and flourishes more deeply each year, although he was only 38 years old when death came to him. I have enjoyed every word of this fascinating book, and, having visited this beautiful Island of St. Simon's, I know how true it all is. You will want to read it too! Price—$5.50

MARKINGS By Dag Hammarskjold

I have spoken of this book before, but it is so wonderful a testament of personal faith and devotion, that I must mention it again. This book has been called, "the religious book of the year; the noblest self-disclosure of spiritual struggle and triumph which has been published in this century." This poignant and revealing book was, as you know, really the diary of that remarkable man, Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary General of the United Nations, in which, through all his many years, he wrote his most intimate thoughts and conclusions. It was never intended for any eyes but his own. Only his tragic death has made possible its publication, and the revelation of his deep religious convictions. He was a mystic, but a very deep thinker, who lived very close to God in all he said and did—only his diary knew *how* close! In this precious diary he wrote—"God has a use for me—I am the vessel. The draught is God's. And God is the thirsty One. Not I, but God in me." And on other pages—"The slightest division of allegiance (to other than God) opens the door to day-dreaming, petty conversations, petty boasting, petty malice—all the petty satellites of the death-instinct. I do not know Who—or What—put the quesion; I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer "Yes" to Someone—and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful, and that therefore my life, in self-surrender, had a goal. In our era, the way to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action." Is it any wonder that he became such an outstanding contributor to the cause of Peace? Price—$5.75

THESE ARE GOOD CANADIAN BOOKS!

What's Past is Prologue — the Memoirs of Vincent Massey

That man on your list, for whom it is so difficult to choose, would almost certainly enjoy this excellent autobiography of one of the most outstanding men of our Canadian scene. The Honourable Vincent Massey was the first Canadian appointed to be Governor-General of Canada; he was also the first Canadian Minister appointed to the United States, and from the beginning to the end of the Second World War, he was our High Commissioner to Great Britain. Not only did he make British statesmen realize that Canada is a Sovereign State, but he was the inspiration back of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan—a vital part of the Allied victory. His contribution to the encouragement of the cultural Arts in Canada, and their recognition in other lands, was one of the outstanding values of his service to our Dominion. An interesting and knowledgeable book. Price—$7.50.

GREGORY CLARK WAR STORIES — Anyone who has enjoyed the chuckles brought forth by anything written by Gregory Clark, both now and all through the long years past, will realize just what a treasure-trove this book can be! Nobody writes with the whimsical humour and down-to-earth wit as does this well-known and universally beloved Journalist; and it is stories like this which prove that point! Price—$3.95

I'VE BEEN AROUND—AND AROUND—AND AROUND, by George Bain—This book will be warmly welcomed and merrily read by all those folks, who read the amusing Articles regularly written by this celebrated Columnist in the Globe and Mail. The illustrations are as clever and as funny as the script—and that is really saying something! Price—$3.95

LEGENDS OF MY PEOPLE—Norval Morriseau, who wrote this book, is a member of the Ojibway Tribe of Indians, who writes cleverly and well about his own people, about a time and a people who were once so proud and different in their way of life from that of today. He is a self-taught man, who is proud of his people and his heritage, and delights in preserving and recording the stories of the Ojibways, as they have been handed down from generation to generation, and he is also a well-known native Artist, whose paintings have received real acclaim. The illustrations in the book are his own, as is the refreshing pungency, and, often, even majesty of his expressive prose. Interesting in every way. Price—$5.95

PAULINE JOHNSON, HER LIFE AND WORK—By Marcus Von Stien Who does not remember Pauline Johnson, the beautiful Indian girl from the Brantford Reserve, who became famous for the excellence of her poetry, and her dramatic Lectures given all throughout Canada? Many will not, of course, and that is one reason why this good biography is so well worthwhile. All of the best of her poems and prose are included in the book, which also recounts the interesting story of her life, and her audiences, which ranged from Royalty to hard-rock Miners—all of whom enjoyed her readings and appreciated her own loveliness and that of her Indian costume. Price—$6.50

WHY SHOOT THE TEACHER? by Max Braithwaite—This book presents a bleak view of what was indeed a bleak time on the prairies of Canada during the dark Depression Years. It was then that the Author, Max Braithwaite, in 1933, left Saskatoon to teach a little prairie school in Saskatchewan, on the border-land of Empress, Alberta, and Alsask, Sask. Very touchingly and graphically, now, after all those years, Max Braithwaite, tells the story of the bitter six months he spent there. It is difficult indeed, in these days, to realize what hardships of blizzards, dust storms and plagues of grasshoppers, gophers and weeds, those intreprid early Settlers did cope with, but it should be remembered, and they should be honoured well, for, but for their courage and stubborn holding-out, those prairie-lands never would have been developed into the lush grainlands and beauty they have long ago become. This book paints a true picture of a very true part of our Canadian past and pioneer courage. It is well worth reading. The Author is now a well-known free-lance Journalist. Price—$4.95

SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS" WITH A BOOK

And what a truly wonderful gift it can be for young folk of any age—a *book,* something to be read over and over again; something to be loved and treasured through the years; something which opens wide the horizons of wonder, beauty, adventure, and knowledge; something which leads joyously through the expansive doors to reading, of all kinds and types, and so, to breadth of understanding and appreciation! Nor need it be an expensive gift! We have, in our Publications Department, some really beautifully-written and produced books, all waiting for your choosing, and for as small a price as 19 cents! For teachers of small children, either in day schools, or in Sunday School Classes — for those little "extras" to tuck into parcels and stockings, or to keep on hand when little Visitors drop in—nothing could be more opportune than these.

There are ten titles in this series and each book measures 4¾″ x 6¾″, with splendid illustrations and durable varnished board covers. These are—"God Loves Me: The Baby Jesus; Jesus and the Children; Prayers; The Story of Jesus; God Is Good; Friends of Jesus; The Ten Commandments; Bible Stories; and God's Plan for Growing Things." In a larger size—6½″ x 8¼″—for somewhat older children, and priced at 35 cents each, there are these bright and colourful books, which are really amazingly good value—"I Think About Jesus; My Prayer Book; Bible Stories; The Twenty-Third Psalm; When God Imagines A World; A Child's Thought of God; The Stories of The Christ Child; The Ten Commandments; Prayers and Graces; and My Bible Book." All of these are written by the well-known Children's Writer, whose faith and beautiful Christianity shines through all she writes, Mary Alice Jones, and are liberally illustrated in colour. For a really outstanding gift, perhaps from Grandma, or some other adoring relative, I must tell you about two completely lovely books which are the two new ones from Mary Alice Jones this Fall. These are "Know Your

Bible—fascinating facts about what the Bible is—what it means today and how it came to be written." This is quite a large book—8″ x 11″, with 72 pages, profusely illustrated, and with many maps and charts—all good and interesting. This book costs $2.50. The other new book, is the same size, and the latest one of the "Tell Me" series. It is "Tell Me About God's Plan For Me;" equally beautiful and informative, and costs $3.50. Others in this fine series are—"Tell Me About God; Tell Me About Jesus; Tell Me About The Bible; Tell Me About Prayer; Tell Me About Heaven; and Tell Me About Christmas." All the same price.

Wonderful value, too, are the Eagle Books—a splendid series of them, each one a true biography of an outstanding Christian man or woman, and priced at the almost unbelievable sum of fifteen cents each. I can mention only a few, but these are typical, and I can assure you that they all are thrilling reading, well written and true to facts—"Deep-Sea Doctor—Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador; Lady in Prison—Elizabeth Fry; Soldier's Heroine—Florence Nightingale; Get Through or Die—David Livingstone; Roll On Wagon Wheels—Robert Martin of Africa; Crowned By Cannibals—John Geddie of the South Seas; Mary and The Black Warriors—Mary Slessor of Africa"—and too many more to tabulate here!

Space will not permit me to tell about all the excellent books for children, teen-agers, both boys and girls, which I would like to mention here, but I shall list a few, and just remember that the Publications Department can secure for you any book you want, if you will order it in good time for us to find it for you before Christmas! These are *very* good—"Wild Captives," by Donald G. Dodds, an authority on wild life, who studied the animals he talks of in this book in a remote valley in Newfoundland—lynx, moose, cariboo, wolf, wolverine, bears, and many others. Price $3.95. "Argen, The Gull," the true life story of a herring gull, on the far east coast of Canada. The Author Franklen Russell, has written a very fine, interesting, and informative book. Price $5.95. "Rory's Wildcat," by Robert Collins, is a stirring story for boys—telling how 16-year-old Rory became involved in the drilling of a "wildcat" oil well in the unexplored tundra around Fort McKenzie, of his many adventures there with the group of tough, dedicated oil-men, and how, with the help of his Indian friend, Rory helped to foil the schemes of a crooked speculator and a rival company. A clever, worth-while book of Canadian adventure—Price $3.95. "The Desperate Journey," by Kathleen Fidler, takes us back to the time of the Selkirk Settlers, when Davie and Kirstie with their parents, came to Canada, via Fort Churchill, and the Red River, with Lord Selkirk's party, most of whom were turned out of their homes in Scotland to make way for sheep runs! This story is full of action and adventure, and true to the life of the valiant settlers of those early days. Price—$2.95 (L.M.C.)

SANTA CLAUS, MOVE OVER!

by MISS MARY CARRINGTON

DO YOU REMEMBER who the most important Christmas figure was when you were seven? For you it may have been the Christ child, but for many children it is more likely to be the jolly saint in the whiskers—Santa Claus. The funny part is that the original Santa Claus would have been horrified by such a development. In fact, he wouldn't have recognized himself at all.

"Santa Claus" wasn't actually his name. That is an English form of "Sinterklaas", which is a Dutch version of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas himself is a figure from deep in the past of the Christian Church. Those of you who remember your Church School lessons in the early fall will recall the name of Diocletian, the last Roman Emperor to stage a full-scale persecution of the Christians. Nicholas was one of his victims, although he was more fortunate than some and lived through persecution, torture, and imprisonment, to see the Emperor Constantine embrace the Christian faith and make it the official religion of the Empire.

There is a good possibility that Nicholas was one of the men who attended the great Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., where many of the problems facing the Church were discussed and solutions sought. If he was, then he had a hand in making our church what it is today.

At an early age, Nicholas became the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, which is now Turkey. The story is that the Council of Myra couldn't agree on who their new Bishop should be. Then the oldest member of the Council had a dream that they should choose the first man called Nicholas who entered the Cathedral the next day. You've guessed it! Our Nicholas was the man. He was very young, and modest, and he tried to get out of it, but he was also very devout and knew his Bible well, and eventually he was persuaded to accept.

Despite his reluctance, Nicholas was an exceptionally good Bishop. He did many kind things for his people, such as giving doweries to girls who came from poor families so that they could be properly married. He would disguise himself, and wander about the city so that he could hear who needed help. His gifts were given secretly. One story is that he threw them through the window, and another that he threw them down the chimney, which may be where the idea of Santa Claus coming down the chimney came from.

Nicholas' reputation for saintliness and good works spread far and wide, and after his death he became the Patron Saint of Russia, and of scholars, merchants, sailors and travellers. Many Churches were dedicated to him, four hundred in England alone.

Nicholas' own special love was the children, and one of his great joys was giving them gifts, especially on the day before Christmas. Old pictures of him usually show him with three children standing in a tub at his side. He became the Patron Saint of the Children, and it is not difficult to see how the legend of Santa Claus developed. But the jolly old man with the reindeer, who graces so many shop windows and newspaper advertisements at Christmas time, is a far cry from the saintly Nicholas who loved children, and gave them gifts because of his love for Christ, whose coming to earth as a child was the occasion for the giving of the first Christmas presents.

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Boys and Girls!

THE CHRISTMAS TREE WHICH SHARED!

by OLIVE SULLY

ONCE UPON A TIME, there grew in the woods a little evergreen tree. It was winter-time and the snow lay white on the ground. The sun shone brightly, and made the white snow glisten and sparkle. Around the little tree grew other trees, maples, oaks, and birches, whose leaves had been blown off by the wind. Only the little fir tree stood with every needle in its place.

"I wish I had something to share with others," sighed the little fir tree one day. "How I would like to be of some use in the world. The maples and oaks and birches have given their leaves as a covering for the grass and flowers, so that they may be kept warm through the cold winter time, but I have nothing to give or to share."

When the little fir tree was talking to itself a bird flew and rested on one of its branches. It shivered in the cold winter wind. The little fir tree said, "Come up close to my trunk so that you will not feel the wind." The bird hopped along the branch, close to the trunk of the tree, ruffled up its feathers and was soon asleep.

Once again the little fir tree said, "I wish I had something to share with others. If I only had leaves to shed like the maples and oaks and birches. How glad the grass and flowers are for their warm blanket."

Two rabbits hopped along over the snow. Their coats were as white as the snow itself. The little tree thought they must be hungry and said, "You may eat the tender shoots on my lower branches. They will make you a good dinner." The grateful rabbits nibbled the tender shoots and hopped away.

Still once more, the little fir tree said, "I wish I had something to share, and I wish I could be useful." Two squirrels scampered by. The little tree called out to them, "There are still some seeds in the cones in my top branches. Come and eat these, and keep the nuts you have stored away. The winter will be a long one!" The squirrels climbed to the top of the fir tree and ate the seeds left in the cones of the fir tree, and dropped the empty cones to the ground.

Late in the afternoon, Mary Alice and Tommy, and their mother and father, came walking through the woods. They were looking for a Christmas tree. They came to where the little tree stood, so green against the white snow. They saw the tender shoots where the rabbits had nibbled. They saw the cones that the squirrels had dropped to the ground.

"O Daddy," said Mary Alice, "let us choose this little tree for our Christmas tree. It has shared with others and will make the very best kind of a Christmas tree!" How surprised the little tree was! Had it really been sharing? It had not known that it was sharing. And it was to be a Christmas tree! It was of some use after all.

So the little tree was taken away. It was placed in a bright red tub. It was hung with lights and candy canes, and toys and parcels. At the top there was a big star. On Christmas morning Mary Alice and Tommy danced around the tree. When they saw the parcels they said happily, "The little tree is going to share again." But before Daddy started to take off the parcels, gaily wrapped, he turned to the little tree and said:

"O little tree with your parcels gay
Why do you share with us today?"
"I share with you," the tree replied
"Because you know at Christmastide
In a country far away,
The tiny Baby Jesus lay
In a manger filled with hay.
He came at Christmas time to be
God's greatest gift to you and me."

"We share at Christmas time because God loved us and shared with us, don't we, Daddy?" said Tommy thoughtfully. And Daddy repeated softly, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

(Due to lack of space, Toronto and Kingston news will be completed next month.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — A great loss and sorrow has come to British Columbia Synodical, and especially to Westminster Presbyterial, in the death of Mrs. O. H. E. (Nellie Irene) Thorpe, in her 57th year, last September. Mrs. Thorpe was President of Westminster Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and has served the Society in many Offices throughout her long years of membership. Her home was in New Westminster, where she was a loyal and active member, not only of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, but of all the Organizations of that Church. Mrs. Thorpe was an enthusiastic participant in the activities of her Community also. She was Past Matron of The Order of the Eastern Star, Royal City Chapter No. 7, and a Past Grand Royal Matron, Order of the Amaranth, British Columbia. Mrs. Thorpe will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and sincere sympathy is extended to her Mother, Mrs. H. W. Young, her Sister, Miss Marjorie Young, both of New Westminster, and to her brother, Mr. W. R. Young, of Quesnel. The Rev. Calvin Chambers, B.D., conducted the funeral service from First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster on September 24th.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. R. J. McClinton, the mother of Mrs. I. P. MacSween, passed away recently in *Edmonton,* and the Funeral Services were held in Strathcona Presbyterian Church, where her son-in-law, the Rev. Ian P. MacSween, B.A., Pastor of that Church, assisted by the Rev. John D. Yoos, B.A. of Sylvan Lake, officiated. Mrs. McClinton was a Life Member of the W.M.S., and received her Life Membership Certificate and Pin, while in active service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *North Battleford, Saskatchewan.*

The Fellowship Group of Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Chauvin,* has decided to sponsor a Tibetan orphan child. Little Penpa Youdon is twelve years old, and at present is going to school in the

Helen MacDonald Presbyterian Mission School in *Jhansi, India.*

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — At the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* Mrs. L. Blackbourne and Miss Mary MacLean welcomed a good representation of members present from Knox Presbyterian Church, *Jumbo Valley;* St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort MacLeod;* and St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat.* Miss M. Middleton presided, and Mrs. T. MacLean gave the Report of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto* last May. Reminding us of the great challenge that lies ahead of us in this great age, Mrs. MacLean stressed that all must join hands in this important work.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The whole of this Presbyterial will miss Miss Emily Drysdale, who has been Red Deer Presbytery Deaconess for the past two years, and will now be stationed in *Halifax, Nova Scotia.* A Farewell Party was held for her in *Edwell* Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. C. J. Shantz presented Miss Drysdale with a leather purse from the W.M.S. Groups of *Willowdale, Valley Centre, Edwell,* and *Penhold* Presbyterian Churches. The W.M.S. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* also entertained Miss Drysdale at an afternoon Tea, where she was presented with a gift in appreciation of the splendid work she had done in this Presbytery, and the great help she had given. At this same Tea, Mrs. E. Day, President of *Red Deer* Presbyterial, presented a gift from the Presbyterial to Miss Drysdale, saying how very much she, herself, had enjoyed Emily's cheerful and unstinted help with all her Presbyterial activities.

A Leaders' Workshop was sponsored by *Red Deer* Presbyterial in October, and held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* when Leaders of most of the Girls' Groups in this Presbyterial were in attendance. Mrs. J. Puzey, of *Willowdale,* conducted the Opening Devotions, using the Theme, "Mission, The Christian's Calling," and Mrs. K. Knight and Mrs. Dorren Gerber, from *Eckville,* presented a C.G.I.T. Meeting with their Group of Senior Girls. Mrs. Verna Nichols, from *Willowdale,* led in the evaluation of this demonstration, and Mrs. Lorne Reay, introduced the Study for C.G.I.T. Groups. Miss Shirley Smart, from *Calgary,* assisted by Len Zeegers, of *Calgary,* conducted a Children of the Church Meeting, with the C.O.C. Group of Knox Church. The Study for the C.O.C. Leaders was introduced by Mrs. C. Shantz, of *Edwell,* Mrs. Stanley Glover, of *Willowdale,* brought her Explorers Group, so that the Leaders could observe an Exploration. Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for the Presbytery of *Alberta,* introduced the Study for Explorers.

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—The ladies of the Presbyterian Church, *Qu'Appelle,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in mid-summer, when Mrs. B. Preddell, and Mrs. A. Emslie gave the Opening Devotional, after which everyone joined in an "Old Time Hymn Sing." The Guest Speaker, Miss J. Williamson, of *Regina,* showed beautiful slides of W.M.S. work in *India, Formosa,* and other places she had visited on her trip around the world. A Life Membership and Pin was presented to Mrs. A. Emslie, who has devoted so much of her time and talents to her W.M.S. Auxiliary and Presbyterial. The Meeting closed with prayer, and an informal time of friendship and visiting was enjoyed by all, as refreshments were served.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—A Party in honour of Miss Dorothy Keller, Manitoba Regional Secretary who will now be on leave for a year, as she takes further studies at a University in California, U.S.A., was held at the home of Mrs. G. McCutcheon, *Port Arthur, Ontario,* when a most enjoyable evening of fellowship was enjoyed, and Miss Keller received many lovely gifts. On behalf of Superior Presbyterial, the President, Mrs. Gladys McDougall, presented a handsome tapestry handbag to Miss Keller. Refreshments were served by Mrs. McCutcheon, assisted by Mrs. H. Spidell, Mrs. I. Mitchell, Mrs. S. Sherlock, Mrs. M. Fidler, and Mrs. G. McDougall.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial commenced its Fall activities with a Study Evening, held at First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* in September. Buffet Supper was served at six-thirty, and then, following the Worship Service, conducted by President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, the members divided into Groups, to study "Victory," our Study Book for this Fall. Lively discussions were held, and everyone felt that much had been gained from this approach to our Study Book. The Groups re-assembled, and brought back their findings to the general Meeting.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — When the Presbytery of Bruce met in Special Session in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Chatsworth,* the Moderator the Rev. F. A. Miller, B.D., of *Owen Sound* led in prayer. In attendance were the Rev. H. L. Nugent, B.A., Chatsworth, Clerk protem; Rev. M. D. McNab, B.A., Port Elgin; Rev. J. H. Greene, *Hanover;* Elders, Messrs. R. Scott, F. Gamble, C. Lowther; and Rev. C. E. Fisher, *Port Elgin,* Rev. T. L. Wynne, and Dr. S. Moore Gordon. Meeting with the congregation later, the Rev. H. L. Nugent conducted the Worship and Mrs. Allan Gamble was Soloist. The Rev. M. D. McNabb preached the Designation Sermon, and the Rev. F. A. Miller put the prescribed questions to Miss Louise Gamble, and when she had answered these, he designated her as an Overseas Missionary of The Presbyterian Church in *Canada.* Miss Gamble took up her appointment in September as an Evangelist in Formosa, and Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions, at this meeting officially welcomed her to the W.M.S. Overseas Staff.

The Rev. T. Lawrence Wynne, of *Montclair, New Jersey,* a former Minister of *Chatsworth* Presbyterian Church, gave the Address to Miss Gamble, and presentations were made to her by Mrs. John Newstead, on behalf of the Bible Society, this gift being a Bible in Mandarin Chinese; Mrs. E. W. Krampp, of *Walkerton,* President of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial; by Rev. J. H. Greene, on behalf of the Presbytery; and by J. D. Ceaser, Clerk of Session, of *Chatsworth* Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the Session and Congregation.

Special guests included, Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Mrs. John A. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee — all from the W.M.S. in *Toronto;* Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Philip of *South India;* Rev. and Mrs. Roger Talbot, of *Japan;* Mrs. Grace Tsai, of *Formosa,* and Dr. and Mrs. S. Moore Gordon, now retired from Missionary Service in *Formosa.* Other outgoing Missionaries present were Rev. and Mrs. Desmond Howard, *Toronto;* Miss Ruth Bentley, *Galt;* Miss Eleanor Knott, *Thornbury*—all under Appointment to *India;* and Miss Diane Petrie, *Ottawa,* under appointment to *Formosa.* The Rev. J. J. Jennings, former Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Chatsworth* was also present. The Moderator closed the Meeting with prayer, and the ladies of the Church served lunch.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glammis,* was held in the Church, with President, Mrs. W. K. Robinson presiding, and the Worship Service given by Mrs. Floyd Hutton, Mrs. Clarence MacGillivar, and Mrs. John MacLean. A musical selection was given by the trio — Mrs. A. A. Greer, Mrs. Howard Thompson, and Mrs. Ronald Thompson. Introduced by Mrs. James Gilchrist, the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Wm. Knox, wife of the Rev. Wm. Knox, of *Paisley,* spoke on "The Faithfulness of God." Mrs. John Wrightson thanked Mrs. Knox and presented her with a gift. Guests were present from *Tiverton, Paisley, Glammis* Baptist Church, and all enjoyed the Social Hour over the teacups at the close of the Meeting.

A very happy event was the Special Dinner Meeting held by the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* when Mrs. William Clow, who organized this Evening W.M.S. Group — then called "Jessie Clow Auxiliary" — twenty-eight years ago, was honoured with the presentation of an Honorary W.M.S. Membership, by Vice-President Mrs. W. J. McDonald, on behalf of the Auxiliary. The Honorary Membership Pin was presented to Mrs. Clow, by her Sister, Miss Annie Gilchrist, a very active worker in the Afternoon W.M.S. Group. Miss Gilchrist and her Father, the late Mr. William Gilchrist, were two of the founders of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in *Owen Sound,* after the Union Disruption in 1925. Miss Zella King made the Presentation Address, stressing Mrs. Clow's years of earnest service to the W.M.S.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Wallaceburg,* met at the home of Mrs. J. Webber to honour her on her 90th Birthday. Mrs. Webber served as President of this Auxiliary for many years, and was the first Secretary when it was founded in 1903. She was presented with an Honorary Membership in the W.M.S. in 1963.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Diana Wadsworth from the *Jhansi Field, India,* was Guest Speaker at the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, in St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* President Mrs. Norman Anderson presided, and Mrs. R. H. Edworthy, Glad Tidings Secretary, led the Worship Service and spoke on "What I Believe." Assisted by Mrs. George Malcolm, Miss Wadsworth showed slides of her work at the school in *Jhansi,* and told of the Tibetan children, who are being cared for there. These beautiful pictures of the *Bhil* and *Jhansi* Fields, the Cities and Mountainous parts of *India,* were much appreciated and enjoyed. Miss Gail Harrison was Soloist, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. E. Lindsay. Mrs. E. Dalzell presented the Study Books, and Mrs. R. H. Edworthy spoke on "The Glad Tidings." Mrs. O. R. Farnan thanked the Speaker, and Rev. G. A. Malcolm pronounced the Benediction.

The 80th Anniversary of the Mary Ann Fisher W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Flamboro* Presbyterian Church was celebrated in the Church, last October, with visitors present from *Dundas, Sheffield, Kirkwall,* and Presbyterial Officers — President, Mrs. Norman Anderson; Glad Tidings Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Edworth; Secretary, Mrs.

D. F. Westaway; Evening Department Secretary; Miss Eileen Beitz; Treasurer; Miss Mary Grant, Historian. President Mrs. Wm. West, presided and welcomed guests. Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. John Betzner, and Mrs. John M. Beeching gave the impressive Memorial Service. Three sisters — Sheila, Marion, and Grace Ferris — sang, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Bertram Patterson. Greetings were brought by the Rev. J. P. Schissler, from the Church, and by Mrs. Norman Anderson, from *Hamilton* Presbyterial. Miss Diana Wadsworth, of the *Jhansi Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and, introduced by Mrs. J. P. Schissler, she showed beautiful slides of the *Bhil* and *Jhansi* Fields and of *Northern India* and told of her work there. Mrs. R. J. Inksetter thanked the Speaker, and Mrs. Schissler closed the Meeting with prayer. Lunch was served and Mrs. H. Betzner cut the Birthday Cake.

In Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* a successful Workshop was held in September, when Miss Louise A. Reith, Executive Director of Organization; Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary of Children's Work; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Girls' Work; and Miss Sheila Stephens, Presbytery Deaconess, explained to the different Groups how to present the Study for the coming year. Supper was served at 6-30 P.M., and at 7-30 P.M., the Rev. G. W. Murdoch, B.A., Minister of New Westminster Presbyterian Church, led the Worship Service in the Chapel. Mrs. Norman Anderson, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, closed the Meeting with prayer.

At the Thank-Offering Meetings of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* Life Memberships were presented — to Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary for Hamilton and London Synodical; and to Miss Sheila Stephens, Deaconess for *Hamilton* Presbytery. Mrs. M. Herrig, of *Armagh, Clarkson,* and Mrs. J. K. West, of Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* both showed interesting slides, and told of their trip to *Formosa,* when the Presbyterian Church of *Formosa* celebrated its 100th Anniversary this past summer. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. Gordon Smith; a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Hardy Amery; Blue, Silver, and Gold Seals to Miss Elaine Tongii (thus making her a Life Member of the W.M.S.); and a Certificate, pin and blue Seal were given to Miss Suzanne Amery. Mrs. Fred Ralph also received an Honorary Membership and Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Vernon Carey and Miss Marion Mundy.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — A record

attendance marked the W.M.S. Rally in Jubilee Presbyterian Church, *Stayner*. The Rev. J. M. Ritchie, M.A., of *Stayner,* with three Elders from the combined Church Sessions of *Sunnydale Corners* and *Stayner,* conducted a Communion Service, and Devotions were led by Mrs. Melvin Sage, *Sunnydale Corners*; Mrs. Robert Burgess, West Nottawasaga; Mrs. Gordon Smith and Mrs. R. E. McKenzie, *Duntroon*. Mrs. Clara Robertson, Treasurer, reporting a decrease in finances, stressed the need for more sacrificial giving; Mrs. R. Adams and Miss Mary Heels reported the Annual Synodical Meeting. Mrs. Douglas Walker was Organist and a Quartette from the Ladies Choir sang. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, introduced the Guest Speakers—Miss Audrey Prendergast, Reg. N., who gave a stirring account of her work in *India;* Miss Shusila Patras, of *Indore, India,* who is in *Canada* studying under the Bessie MacMurchy Scholarship, in preparation to follow Miss MacMurchy, as Director of Post Graduate Nursing in *Indore*; and Miss Dorothy Lukes, who is home on furlough.

At a Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Meaford,* Miss Dorothy Lukes told of her experiences as Port Worker in *Montreal,* in extending the hand of fellowship and helping in countless ways to make these newcomers from foreign lands feel that they are welcome in Canada, and in the Christian Church here. Mrs. Norman Caswell presided, and Mrs. H. F. MacNeill sang, accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Gardiner. The Meeting closed with prayer.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Organizations of that Church, and the town of *Coldwater,* have all been saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Miss Edna Loney at her home in *Coldwater,* where she had lived for many years, and endeared herself to all who knew her. Miss Loney, a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, at the time of her death, was on the Board of Managers. She was also a Charter Member of St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary of the W.M.S. in which she had served both as President and Secretary. She had been a member of the Choir, and also assisted in the work of the Ladies Aid. Her Minister, the Rev. Charles Carter, spoke of her as a devoted Christian, true to her faith, who had "done what she could." Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Loney's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seymour, of *Coldwater.*

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Mullen, President, presided at the 70th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Nassagaweya* Presbyterian Church, when many past members and friends from neighbouring Auxiliaries were present also. Miss Shirley Dredge, one of the members, who has been teaching in Nigeria for the past two years, was Guest Speaker. Flowers were placed on the Communion Table in memory of departed members; two minutes of silence was observed, and Mrs. Grant Campbell led in prayer. Two ladies from *Boston* Presbyterian Church sang a duet. Greetings from Guelph Presbyterial were brought by Mrs. Bailie, of *Kitchener,* and Mrs. Grant Campbell was presented with a Life Membership Certificate, by Mrs. Noris and Miss Dredge, on behalf of the Auxiliary. At the Social Hour following, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Early, of *Guelph,* presided, and Mrs. Cassie Donaven, of *Galt,* cut the Anniversary Cake.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held a Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Picton,* with Miss Agnes Offord, *Gananoque,* in the Chair. The Theme was "Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish," and the Worship Service was led by Mrs. Dunn of *Amherstview.* The Rev. J. Russell welcomed delegates and guests. Mrs. G. Lyons, *Kingston,* reported the Annual Synodical Meeting, and Literature Secretary, Mrs. L. McInroy, gave a Review of Books available through the Publications Department, *Toronto.* Mrs. G. Stevenson, of *Amherstview* told about the Biennial Conference of Evening Groups, and Mrs. G. A. Smart, *Kingston,* closed the morning session with Prayer. At the Afternoon Session, following luncheon, the Devotional given by Belleview, St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary continued the Theme with readings from The Gospel of St. Mark. Soloist was Miss Chris Mitchell, *Picton,* accompanied by Mrs. G. Vandusen. Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Trenton,* presented a few suggestions from the Annual Council Meeting, and then introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Agnes Hislop, of the *Bhil Field, India,* whose Address was splendidly illustrated with slides of the people and the work among them. Mrs. W. McLaren moved the Vote of Thanks. An anoymous "Question and Answer Box" was in charge of Mrs. J. MacDonald of *Kingston.*

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial Rally took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake,* with President Mrs. J. H. Litsser, presiding. Mrs. K. Wilson led the Opening "Hymn Sing," and the President constituted the Meeting and welcomed guests. The Meeting divided into three Groups—Section A., Leaders were Lieut. J. Patrick, Salvation Army, *Kirkland Lake*; Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary; the Rev. T. A. Duke, *New Liskeard.* The Theme—"I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart and Home," Section B. — led by Mrs. T. A. A. Duke, *New Liskeard*; Miss Lois Powrie, and Mrs. K. Wilson, *Kirkland Lake*. The Theme—"I Want To Be A Christian In My Church." Section C.—directed by Mrs. K. Wilson, who showed the Film Strip, "What Happened to Hannah" The Theme —"I Want To Be A Christian In My Community."

Mrs. T. Plowright, *Kirkland Lake*, presented a Display of attractive articles made by Children in Taiwan, and an excellent Book Display was in charge of Mrs. R. Elliot, of *Englehart*. Supper was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kirkland Lake*. Miss Powrie gave a short Address and closed the Meeting with Prayer.

MONTREAL and OTTAWA

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — An event of special interest this year in Georgetown Presbyterian Church, *Howick, Quebec,* was the celebrating of the 90th Anniversary of the formation of a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary in this Church. At the Annual Tea and Plant Sale, a special Programme was arranged, which included an inspiring address by Miss A. M. MacKinnon, of *Montreal,* and special music by Church members. An interesting extract from the first Secretary's Minute Book was read—

"A meeting of ladies, called from the pulpit the previous Sunday, was held at the Manse, *South Georgetown,* on August 31st, 1875, to organize a Missionary Society Auxiliary to the Canadian Womens' Board of Missions, *Montreal*. The following ladies were chosen as officers—President, Mrs. D. Thompson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Muir; Mrs. McKerricher; Mrs. J. Cunningham; Mrs. Galbraith; Miss Muir; Mrs. James McKell. Treasurer, Mrs. George McClenaghen; Secretary, Miss B. Muir; Assistant Secretary, Miss E. L. Ogilvie."

Before the Meeting adjourned, special mention was made of Mrs. John Elliot, a dearly-loved member, and staunch supporter of Georgetown W.M.S. Auxiliary, who celebrated her 99th Brithday on June 21st, 1965.

The Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Ephraim Scott Memorial Church, *Montreal* has lost their oldest member in the recent death of their Honourary President, Mrs. George E. (Carrie Graham) Ross, in her 97th year. Mrs. Ross was the wife of the late Rev. George Edward Ross, D.D. Sincere sympathy is extended to her sons—Dr. H. Graham Ross; Dr. Alan Ross, head of The Childrens' Hospital, *Montreal*; H. Sheldon Ross, *Ottawa*—and to her daughter Marion (Mrs. H. E. MacMahon, of *Cambridge, Mass.*) Burial was in *Halifax, Nova Scotia*.

The Fall Executive Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* with an attendance of 26, including three Honourary Presidents. President, Mrs. W. M. Boyd presided, and the Theme was "Lift Up Your Eyes and Look To the Fields, for They Are White, Ready to Harvest." The Rev. H. D. Stewart, Pastor of the Church, conducted the Opening Worship Service. Mrs. T. H. Cummings gave the Roll Call and read the Minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. A. S. Reid presented the correspondence, and Miss Bertha Ferguson, Synodical Treasurer, in her Financial Report showed an increase of $3,105. over the amount of givings at this same date in 1964.

Miss Doris Blaise led the discussion on "Suggestions from Presidents and Secretaries" and Mrs. Duminy conducted the Afternoon Devotions. Miss Betelho spoke on the Gracefield Camp. Impressions of the Delegates to the Annual Council Meetings, held in Ewart College, Toronto, last May were received and discussed. The Allocation of $477,699., for 1966 was accepted, and tribute was paid to The Bible Society for providing Scriptures in 12023 different languages for the Mission Work. Mrs. Hyndman gave the Courtesies Report, and the Mizpah Benediction closed the Meeting.

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